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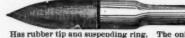




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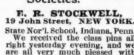
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WHEN it is noted that a teacher has broken down in health, it is concluded that it is overwork of the brain. This is true, probably, but it is not over-intellectual work. That is, it is not overthinking, over-study, but over-anxiety, over-emo-"It is not intellectual work that injures the brain," the London Hospital says, "but emotional excitement. Most men can stand the severest thought and study of which their brains are capable, and be none the worse for it, for neither thought nor study interferes with the recuperative influence of sleep. It is ambition, anxiety, and disappointment, the hopes and fears, the loves and hates of our lives, that wear out our nervous system and endanger the balance of the brain."

A FTER all that is said about the importance money gives to man, the idol of this age is the scientific man. Edison stands higher than Jay Gould; he has conferred benefits that no rich men could. Edison is a thinker, an investigator; the other a raker among gold pieces. The whole world will get advantages from the discoveries of the former; the children of the latter only get the results of his efforts.

The inventor is one who enters the open doors of nature, doors that stand open to all. The schools endeavor to-day to encourage an investigation of nature. The attitude of the world towards inventors is very different to-day from what it formerly was. The toiling millions feel the benefit of all discoveries. A poor man in this age can,

by riding on the cars, take a journey that once was only in the power of the rich. But it is not so many years ago that the workers in factories were hostile to all inventions. They supposed that their labor would be in some way done away with; the railroads were opposed by rural legislators in New York state on the ground that horses would become valueless. It is now not quite clear to them that machinery is of direct benefit, taking away muscular labor and giving them mental labor instead.

It is more apparent, as inventions are made, that education must advance; for it requires trained minds to understand the management and to repair these machines. Take the telephone, for example; there has been such a scarcity of those who could adjust the instruments that their use often has been suspended for months in suburban towns. The inventions of to-day require more highly educated minds to employ them than the first rough ma-chinery. The steam engine that Watt used to pump out coal mines was of the crudest description; the steam engine on an Atlantic steamship demands for its comprehension a man of trained intellect. And then, too, there is danger to the ignorant handler of modern machines, especially those where electricity is employed. Life now is intimately connected with machinery; civilization is related to machinery; so that it is none too soon that the training of the hand has been undertaken as a part of education. Life is dependent on our knowledge of the application of energy (an invention is a handy means of doing this); it is a subject our civilization demands that we should understand.

THE teacher often feels that he can do nothing for his own advancement because he has so much to do. He will do well to remember that the very busy people always seem to find time to undertake work outside of their daily duties. must ask the busy people to help," said a lady who needed assistance in some charitable undertaking. "They will find time to do something for us; people who have nothing to do never have any time to spare."

One reason why some people have no leisure, is that they have accustomed themselves to deal with time only in large pieces. It takes them an entire afternoon or evening to accomplish something that one used to economizing time would dispose of in an hour or two-not that the person of leisurely habits is necessarily slower in performance; many an habitual worker plods through a vast amount of labor because he cannot do it any other way, but it is a matter of habit to learn how to set about work readily and how to concentrate one's self upon it so as to well employ the minutes.

Then, too, having saved the moments, it is not every one who will know how to use them. To the person not accustomed to use his time wisely it will not seem worth while to read, or write, or study, unless he can give some hours to it. The busy man or woman who cares for reading, knows that ten minutes with a book may be both sweet and fruitful. Another point is not only to use the moments but to use them judiciously, to do something that is worth doing and something that we can do.

I T is estimated that \$40,000,000 has been spent in the last twenty-five years by the public to see the plays of Dion Boucicault; indeed, that a single play brought him \$1,000,000, and another \$400,000. These plays have made the fortunes of many theatrical managers, founded many theaters, and started a theater-going taste which no figures can measure. We think of this man simply as a playwright; but his quickness of mind, his energy, his industry, his genius for combining distinct elements into a newly created whole with an individuality of its own, and his skill in devising what would please

and entertain, made him successful. Now here is a lesson for the teacher; not to show him how he can make money, but how he can reach large ends. One great reason why the teacher is a nobody, is not because he aims at small things, but because he aims to do them in a small way; or rather that he does not aim at large results. Edward Thring found his school at Uppingham small and weak; he left it a large and prosperous one, and he won a fame that will outlast Boucicault's. He looked at teaching as a large thing, and he aimed to teach it as though teaching were a large thing.

Tramping around the country in the plainest and cheapest of garments, telling people that it was the true thing to do right, to love God, never seemed to be a great business until Jesus gave himself to itmark, gave himself to it. He taught the people as though it were the thing of all things to live uprightly, to do the Father's will. His example set on foot the mightest revolution the world has ever een. It is an example ever to be kept in mind, and as to the actor mentioned it reveals, too, some valuable lessons.

44 I HAVE now an experience of some forty years as student, teacher, and examiner; and it forces on me a profound conviction that our modern education is hardening into a narrow and debasing mill. Education is over-driven, over-systematized monotonous, mechanical

The round of endless examinations reduces education to a professional cram, where the repetition of given formulas passes for knowledge, and where the curate memory of some teacher's 'tips' takes the place of thought. Education ought to be the art of using the mind and of arranging knowledge; it is becoming the art of swallowing pellets of special information. professor mashes up a kind of mental 'pemmican,' which he rams into the learner's gullet. When the pupil vomits up these pellets it is called 'passing the examination with honors."

The above passage is from an article by Mr. Frederic Harrison, in a recent number of the Forum, and gives an idea of English education. We should like to have him come over and tell us what he thinks of American education.

EDWARD EVERETT HALE appreciates the work of the newspaper writer, and the value of the training that comes from it. The ordinary teacher could do nothing that would train his mind more than to write for the press. He says:

"We newspaper men may write English very ill, but we write it easily and quickly. So that to us, who have been in this business, there is something amazing to hear a clergyman say that he occupied a week in composing a sermon, which was, at the outside, thirty-five hundred words in length. But no newspaper man understands how a man, who can do it, can spend thirty-six hours in doing it. If you have to send 'copy' upstairs, hour after hour, with the boy taking slips from you, one by one, as they are written, and you know that you are never to see what you write until you read it the next day in the paper, your copy will be punctuated carefully, written carefully, and will be easily read. That is one thing. Another thing goes with it. You will form the habit of determining what you mean to say before you say it, how far you want to go, and where you want to stop. And this will bring you to a valuable habit of life-to stand by what has been decided. For these reasons, I am apt to recommend young men to write for the pre early in life, being well aware that the habit of doing this has been of use to me."

IF the day of little children has not already come it certainly is on its way. A society for secur-ing parks and playgrounds for children has been organized; it comprehends some of the ablest men in this city. One generation called Freebel an "old fool" because he took pleasure in playing game; with children; the next age attempts to increase the number of playgrounds.

### EDUCATION-LIFE.

The education of the young is not simply ornamentation. It is the narrowest view that can be taken of education to deem it a mere process of bestowing accomplishment, finish, polish, and that sort of thing. Let it be understood far and wide that he who entertains such a pinched idea of such a broad and grand subject, can never be an effective worker in its interest.

Education is usefulness itself. Its aims and functions are vital in their importance and consequences. Its results are not mere helps to mental enjoyment, pleasure, or pastime, but they are results which enter into the pupil's existence and become a part of his life. A good teacher works upon the pupil's life as a mechanic or a manufacturer works upon his crude material; and the physician attending by night and day a critical patient has no more intimate, direct, or immediate dealings with the human life than has the efficient teacher of boys and girls.

Education is the very quintessence of the practical; the man who first made the word knew well the nature of the thing he would express. The leading forth, or developing, of childhood into youth, and of youth into manhood or womanhood, is accompanied by, founded in, fraught with, and inseparable from, the idea of USE. If it be true that "life is real, life is earnest," it is equally true that education, so identified with life, is just as real and just as earnest.

Pause and think. What does education do for The man with the pinched-up view proceeds to reply that it prepares us for a higher social standing, it improves our conversational powers, makes us entertaining to others, qualifies us for official position, and guarantees us an intellectual instead of a commonplace existence among men. Is this true? Yes; but it is only a small portion of the The man with the perfect conception of truth. education then adds: "Why, education does more than that,—it has much greater depth; it goes to the very innermost springs of our being; it molds life as a potter his clay; it is not superfluous, nor gratuitous, nor complemental, in its nature, but it is useful, necessary, vital, and indispensable; it is in the widest sense preparatory, because it puts into our hands, both implements for peace and weapons for conflicts.

If people, and particularly teachers, would banish from their minds the idea that education is essentially superficial or ornamental in its aims, better work could be done. The ornamentation and polishing effects are mere incidental phenomena of the great undercurrent of education proper. Education in its highest form permeates every act and habit of life, is present at every step in business, controls every utterance, and shapes every one's destiny.

Do not speak of education as an accomplishment of life;—it is rather life itself.

# REPETITION AND VARIETY.

The teacher's work in the school-room is not necessarily from day to day, or session to session, a work of repetition merely; it may be, on the contrary, enlivened with as much variety as attends any other pursuit-commercial or professional. Though the teacher has substantially, or even exactly, the same lessons to impress on each member of a large class, and on one class after another, there need not be that dreadful monotony accompanying his task which many teachers look upon as the bane of their vocation. The sufferers from monotony will usually prove to be those who stick like glue to the text-book; they work along day by day as though the book did all the thinking, all the suggesting, all the adapting to their particular pupils, all the illustration,-everything required for teaching except, perhaps, sitting by and listening to the recitation.

The new education departs from the text-book and rises to higher and more intelligent methods; teacher in the books are not by any means to be discarded, but they are to be confined to their own share of aware of.

the work. The greater share is the teacher's, not the book's. The book is in itself, of course, void of variety and always the same,—and a very monotonous thing it may be too, without a good teacher,—but the teacher's labors are never the same; they admit of incalculable variety and have as many forms as truth itself. That teacher who complains of humdrum monotony is very likely to be gauged by the hearer as one who does not understand his art.

The announcement that Prof. James MacAlister will retire in January next, from the superintendency of the Philadelphia schools to take charge of the Drexel institute, will be a source of great regret to the advanced educators of this country. He came from Milwaukee to Philadelphia eight years ago, and set to work to initiate reforms that have already given the Philadelphia schools an enviable reputation. He brought knowledge, tact, energy, enthusiasm, industry, and perseverance, to bear against many obstacles and has improved the schools in every part, to a degree that seems hardly possible.

He must be reckoned as one of the foremost men in education; he possesses a knowledge of educational science equaled by few in this country; and, above all, he has a profound respect for his own calling. There are thousands of teachers who have attained as much knowledge of mathematics, philosophy, etc., as James MacAlister, but there they stopped. He went on to study the nature and needs of the pupil and found here a vast and untrodden field this field he went over with care and won a good reputation when in Milwaukee. Instead of marking out a course of study, as the ordinary superintendent had done before him, he began, as far back as 1873, to see that the usual courses gave a certain amount of knowledge, but did not by any means reach the whole child. He saw that the training of the hand was indispensable to a complete and just education. In 1882 the board of education in Philadelphia were in search of a superintendent; to their surprise they found the number of men in America who could "fill the bill" was insignificant. There is to-day a small stock of materials for superintendents, as this same board will find when they attempt to fill Mr. MacAlister's place. The number of men who comprehend the subject of education as it stands to day before the American people is Mr. MacAlister was chosen for Philavery small. delphia by no pressure from him-the pressure was on the other side.

This will be a lesson to teachers who are drawing small salaries; to them the \$5,000 paid in Philadelphia for a superintendent seems a princely sum. We say to them, "There is room at the top"—plenty of it. We say to them, study education, and let it be known by the results in their present places that they comprehend it, and they will be asked to go up higher.

The Drexel institute will offer a free field for the exercise of Mr. MacAlister's abilities; the land, buildings, and equipments will be superior, probably, to any institution in the country for manual training-these have cost \$500,000; Mr. Drexel has added \$1,000,000 as an endowment. The whole scope of the work to be undertaken aims at broad and useful culture. That Mr. MacAlister has been able to do so much in Philadelphia is a matter of common remark. He has had to work against ignorance, prejudice, and incompetence; but the teachers have been lifted to a higher plane of action, and the whole public sentiment towards education has been improved. His objective point has been the one THE JOURNAL has always made—elevate the teacher and the teaching is elevated.

THE movement of the teachers of Essex county, New Jersey, in behalf of professional instruction, will be watched with the utmost interest. Here is a normal school originating with the teachers, conducted by teachers of eminence in their various departments, and available by every teacher in the county. We predict that the teachers of Essex county are building greater than they are aware of.

A STRONG sentiment in favor of English games has recently sprung up in French educational circles, and it may be the beginning of a deep-seated movement. In England, the method adopted for physical education has an important bearing upon the formation of character. A schoolboy is regarded from the outset of his career as a responsible being. The public opinion of the school has an important influence in making character. If he has not already realized it he soon will, that he has got to play a man's part in the world, and that he must fit himself for that position. In France everything has been different from this. Not only at the outset, but up to the time of his quitting school, a boy is treated as a machine which needs constant [supervision and restriction. On the playground the French schoolboy is taught gymnastics very systematically, but it is not what his nature demands. Play is what he craves; this is allowed him in England and denied him in France.

THE Evangelist, a most excellent religious paper, says:

"Do not the methods of teaching in our public schools need to be overhauled? The dominating idea seems to be that it is the province of the public school to teach children a little of everything, but not much of any one thing, and nothing thoroughly. The pupils are crammed with a superficial knowledge of nearly a soore of different studies, without an ability to write a sentence in the English language correctly. This is a grievous fault in our system of common school education; it overdoes the business in such a way that minds are made weak instead of strong. What children need is, not to learn so much, as to learn a few things well, and while acquiring such knowledge to learn to think for themselves. The higher branches they can learn afterwards. It will be time to rear the superstructure after the foundations are laid. The hot-bed system of education tends to mental weakness rather than strength; a people brought up under such a system will be a feeble folk, instead of having the robust strength, which came from the clear-headed common-sense of our fathers."

This is a very poor criticism, for it is not founded on fact. Children must learn a great many things. There may be poor teaching in the schools—but Dr. Field does not refer to this. The fact is, the system is good enough; it is the application of it that is to be criticised. We believe that the teaching would be improved immensely if the pupils were led to think for themselves.

A TEACHER encloses some letters written to him by his pupils. These letters, seven in number, are exceedingly interesting. It seems that the teacher had come to the conclusion that two of his pupils were wasting a good deal of time. It troubled him and he sat down and wrote a note to both of them, as they both sat at the same desk. It told them of his anxiety in regard to their progress, and that he feared they were really going backward in their studies. He was surprised to receive a note, signed by both of these boys, at the close of school. They asked for an interview, and, of their own accord, told him that they intended to do better and suggested that they should report to him again at the end of a week. These reports came voluntarily for seven weeks, and the teacher says that he noticed an immediate and remarkable improvement. This teacher was surprised at the effect of what he thought was a very slight influence which he put forth. Is it not a fact that the teacher has many influences which he does not put forth? Are there not slight ones at his command that would give great results, but which he does not use?

How much of the reading enters into the life of the pupil? It is certain that in many cases very little makes a part of his existence. Why is this? It is because the reading is a collection of words merely. We attended at one time the closing exercises of a school, and a young man recited in Latin the speech of Cæsar against Catiline. Meeting him afterward we complimented him, and remarked that he was aiming at college, evidently. He replied that he had merely learned this by heart and had no knowledge of what it meant. Now this is where most of the reading leaves the pupil. He recites the words, but does not get down into the meaning. The words used are not the words of his vocabulary; the thoughts are not his thoughts.

ROBERT M. LUSHER, formerly superintendent of education of Louisiana, died at New Orleans recently. Mr. Lusher was 67 years old, a native of South Carolina, and educated at Georgetown college. He went to New Orleans in 1840, and was editor of the Louisiana Courier in 1847. During the war he held an important position in the office of the Confederate secretary of state. He was elected superintendent of public education in 1866 and again in 1872, and 1876, and was also, agent for Louisiana for the Peabody educational fund for many years.

### NEWSPAPERS AS TEXT-BOOKS.

By Prof. Julian W. Abernethy, Adelphi Academy, Brooklyn.

Notices have appeared from time to time in our educa tional journals of attempts to introduce newspapers into some of the Western schools as supplementary reading. A writer in the Christian Union has recently argued that the duty of the hour, for the public schools, is "the training of a generation of intelligent newspaper readers," by practicing the pupils' minds upon the "significant facts" of the daily papers. A still more astonishing form of this eminently "practical" suggestion for the improvement of the public schools appears in the last number of The Acidemy. A plan is there offered for a three years' high school course in the study of newspapers, with working details fully explained. the first year "the technique of a newspaper is learned. "A student becomes conversant with a newspaper only by practice, therefore a portion of each recitation is used first in explanations, then in requiring different scholars each day to take part in reading the news." During the second and third years, with many other objects to be attained, the work of the pupils is to be especially so ordered as to form "the habit of reading and collecting news," and to "insure their personal attention to the newspapers through the week." "As to material, the class-room should be furnished with as many newspapers as possible," and the "cost need not exceed fifty dollars a year. If this cannot be obtained, get the cast-off papers a few days old that any one will give away."

Can it be possible that a public school, located among the graves of the New England Puritans, is feeding the minds of its pupils with the intellectual and spiritual pabulum of "cast-off" newspapers! Were it not for the assurance that the plan is already in successful operation, one would suspect the writer to be emulating Swift's "modest proposal" respecting the children of Ireland.

Now if there be any one duty more than another that has been imposed upon the teacher by the rapidly changing conditions of educational work, it is the duty to protect the child from the poisonous influences of the ubiquitous newspaper and ten-cent novel. Our American newspaper is at present both our glory and our shame. The gigantic power of the press is a national boast, and the shameless abuse of that power by the irresponsible wielders of it is cause for national humiliation. A newspaper that teaches a political morality that does not recognize the golden rule; that substitutes party expediency for political integrity, and the realism of indecency for the idealism of virtue; that parades, on principle, the "significant facts" of every crime known to the decalogue, with as much fullness of detail as space will permit, is hardly a fit text-book for the instruction of young people in the fundamental principles of good conduct and good citizenship. Ignorance is dange but education in the arts of compromising truth and virtue is more dangerous.

If it be true, as we are told, that seventy-five per cent. of all children leave school at the age of twelve, the education of the average citizen is only too certain to be a newspaper education in the main, without any aid from the schools; and it should be the first duty of the teacher to forestall the evils of that training by establishing desires, tastes, and principles that will hold pupils above the newspaper level, toward which they are destined to This can be done only by bringing them into contact with good books, written in pure English, and expressing wholesome and inspiring sentiments. We do not sow nettles and docks in our gardens in order to teach people how to distinguish flowers and fruit from weeds. The teacher gives the sanction of authority to whatever he places in the hands of his pupils, and, by virtue of his position, exercises for the time being, or should exercise, an influence stronger than all others combined upon their growing tastes and intellectual habits. Parents and teachers, in their indifference to the reading habits of children, too often forget that vice is generally more attractive, at first sight, than virtue, and that what is harmless to them may be poisonous to a child. Hence it is that children are encouraged to read freely in the daily paper what it would be impossible to discuss openly in the family circle. Our chief need in respect to newspaper reading is more principle, not more

The advocates of this scheme for newspaper instruction are doubtless inspired with the praiseworthy desire to relieve the mechanical dullness of the school-room by introducing work that will be interesting, fruitful, and applicable to the actual conditions of life. But there is no apology for using anything in this supplementary

work except that which is pure and ennobling, when the classics are almost as cheap as the newspapers. Here, for example, is a list of selections, prepared especially for the school-room, that any teacher can obtain for one dollar: Eighteen poems of Longfellow, seventeen of Bryant, fourteen of Lowell, four essays of De Quincey (including "Joan of Arc"), five essays of John Burroughs, three stories from Hawthorne's "Wonder Book," two orations of Webster, Tennyson's "Enoch Arden," Dr. John Brown's "Rab and his Friends," Irving's Legend of Sleepy Hollow," and twelve poems of Whittier. Multiply this list by fifty, and compare the probable result of a year's work upon such literature with that of a year's work upon "cast-off" newspapers. The teacher who uses such reading matter as the material of daily discussions and of exercises in rhetoric and composition, will make the best contribution in his power toward "the training of a generation of intelligent newspaper readers." Says Matthew Arnold, in one of his school reports, "What is comprised under the word literature is in itself the greatest power available in educa-How little of this power is yet made available in our schools is a fit question for the contemplation of every teacher who is ambitious to become "practical."

### A TEACHER'S NOTES AND COMMENTS.

By G. P. COLER. Paris.

"He seems to have no regard for the self-respect of his pupils," is a comment that I made in my note-book some weeks ago. At the time I was listening to a recitation in a German school. The boys were about sixteen years old, and appeared to be bright and willing. But the teacher evidently thought that it was his chief duty to humiliate them. In this he succeeded remarkably well. I felt sorry for the boys and for the teacher too.

The self-respect of a pupil is a matter of very great importance. It often needs to be controlled and directed, but under no circumstances should it be crushed. To do so is to do violence to the better nature of the pupil, and this renders efficient moral training impossible. I often think that half of our difficulties in school government result from our failure to cultivate a normal self-respect on the part of our pupils. We are too apt to administer public reprimands when private talks and personal appeals would produce better results. Reprimands in the presence of visitors should seldom, if ever, be given. Reprimands in the presence of the school are sometimes necessary, but they should not be made without due consideration of what is involved in them; and, as a rule, not until personal appeals in private have been tried. Respect begets respect. When pupils realize that the teacher has due respect for their feelings, they will be much more inclined to be considerate of his wishes and of the welfare of the school.

The recognition and wise encouragement of special aptitudes is another way in which we may aid in the development of a normal self-respect. Consciousness of ability to do something well is a condition of right self-esteem. Let a pupil feel that he cannot learn anything, or do anything, and whatever evil there is in his nature is likely to find expression. One of the strong claims of manual training to a place in our schools is that it affords greater opportunities for discovering and developing special aptitudes. It thus has an important bearing on both intellectual and moral training.

I once gained the good will and hearty co-operation of a sixteen year old boy, who had the reputation of being very dull and very hard to govern. I accomplished this by appealing to his better nature privately instead of rebuking him before the school, and by recognizing his special aptitudes.

In Germany as in America, one hears much complaint about the schools. It is said that the schools beget a dislike for manual labor; that the courses of study are not practical; and that teachers cram their pupils with facts without teaching them to think what the facts stand for.

Of these three complaints, I am inclined to think the last one is the best founded. A residence of a year and a half in Germany has afforded me some opportunities to form an opinion on the question. The Germans have done much toward making pedagogy a science. German teachers train their pupils well in systematic habits of study. It is very pleasing to see how systematically a boy of sixteen or seventeen can develop a subject that has been assigned to him in recitation. I think that I may say that German pupils are taught to think logically, but not acutely and boldly. The historical information that a graduate of a gymnasium possesses is more

extensive and systematic than that of a boy who graduates from an American high school. But the American boy is more likely to draw original conclusions. He does not accept so much on authority. The monarchical idea seems to pervade the school-room in Germany. The boy accepts what his teacher says as final. The teacher is apparently glad to have his pupil do so. This seems to me to be a weak point in German pedagogy, or, at all events, in German practice.

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With reference to intellectual training, I am just now inclined to make the following summary of the duties of the teacher:

- To incite and aid the pupil in the acquisition of knowledge.
- To see that the facts to be learned are wisely chosen and scientifically arranged.
- To prepare the pupil for independent study by training him to choose and arrange facts for himself in any subject that is to be studied.
- 4. To develop habits of keen and rugged thought, by encouraging and requiring pupils to have opinions of their own about facts that are dealt with in the lessons.

As to the first three of these, German teachers may be said to be very successful, with regard to the fourth, they do not seem to have enough faith in their pupils. They are apparently afraid that pupils will draw wrong conclusions. Hence, they leave them with a system of well co-ordinated facts, but with neither inclination nor ability to draw conclusions from these facts. Pupils become accustomed to having their conclusions made to order for them, and they are apt to go through life without any disposition to think for themselves.

It is far better that pupils should draw wrong conclusions about the facts in their lessons than that they should draw no conclusions at all.

### TEACHERS AND CULTURE.

By Eva D. Kellogg, St. Paul, Minn.

The page of "current events" given in THE SCHOOL JOURNAL, with their suggestive questionings, always makes me wonder how many teachers can answer them, and how their faces look as they read them. Do they pass them by with indifference or do they frown a little over them, and think enough about them to "hunt them up"?

The questions remind me of a story—a true one:

A literary lady in an Eastern city invited the corps of teachers, where her children attended school, to a lunch She made the occasion as important as if the Concord school of philosophy were to be present, by giving all those indefinable touches to her house and table that so delicately compliment invited guests. choicest china, the rarest flowers, the finest linen, and the most fashionable delicacies, made the table a poem. She also paid the highest tribute to their intelligence by not once mentioning school to them. "The Light of Asia" had recently appeared and was the book most talked of. After the guests were served, the hostess with delightful tact introduced the subject of the new Not a teacher had read it and but one had ever heard of it. Silence fell. All the dear shop-jargon, all the breathless interest about per cents, found no place for expression and they declared the lunch party "a very stiff affair" when they returned. One young lady, braver than the rest, inquired anxiously whether "the Arnold who wrote it was the one who had the school at Rugby," when she came in to talk it over before school next morning.

Now these were bright enough teachers, and thoroughly common sense women who were not dull or stupid anywhere. But they were a part of the great army of teachers who "have notime to read"; at least, that is the regulation answer when questioned on these things; 'no time" for general culture; "no time" to breathe the air of the intelligent world for which they are fitting these little men and women; "no time" to read newspapers.

papers.

As well say one has no time for eating, sleeping, or preparing for the vigor which is indispensable to work in any shape. This time for general culture is "fitting one's self for one's sphere," and not an outside matter that one can take up or drop at pleasure. I'd far rather a teacher of mine would come to her work diffusing the aroma of the outside world of general intelligence, than to be full of new text-book questions for the day, or even boiling over with new methods. When the great day of my first questions will be, "Why did not teachers read newspapers?"

# THE SCHOOL ROOM.

DEC. 13.—EARTH AND NUMBERS.
DEC. 20.—DOING AND ETHICS.

### THE WORKINGMAN'S SCHOOL

This school is located at 109 West 54th street, New York City; it has a kindergarten, primary, grammar, and high school grades, and throughout, special attention is given to science teaching and manual training. The school was founded by Prof. Felix Adler; it bas at pres ent 400 pupils and 20 teachers doing earnest and pro gressive work under the able management of Prof. Duren J. H. Ward. The methods and scope of its teach. ing are deeply interesting to friends of all-round culture and the new education.

The kindergarten numbers 103 children, of whom 96 present at the opening exercises made a pleasant picture. The little people seated in three semi-circles facing the principal, Miss Caroline T. Haven, sat with folded hands listening while a few sweet lingering chords, struck softly on the piano, made a prelude to the morning greeting which they repeated in concert:

"We will try to be gentle and loving, To be patient, and kind, and true; We will try to be careful and helpful In all that we say and we do.'

This was followed by two or three songs and then the classes divided. going to their different rooms,-following the class under the personal care of the principal. children were found again seated in a semi-circle, taking part in one of those delightfully home-like talks, which in the hands of a sympathetic instructor, constitute the kindergarten morning lesson. This talk began by a ce to the subject of lessons during the past week. The children remembered that they had talked about fruits, apples, oranges, grapes, plums, etc. They were then asked to think of "other things to eat." "What was thought of and suggested 'gravy'.'
"What do we put gravy on?"

"On a plate," was the prompt reply of one small boy. A little girl thought of potato. This was discussed a little; it was noted that potatoes, both sweet and white, came out of the ground. The children were then asked to think of other things sold in grocery stores and markets where potatoes are bought. Cabbages, carrots, turnips, peas, and beans were thought of. "Greens," said a little boy, triumphantly; this suggested spinach to another. It was noted that some of these things grow in the ground, and some on top of it. The children were then asked to think of a name for all these articles of food, which they were told belonged to a different family from that of the apple, orange, etc., so they could not be called "fruits." Some little people though they might be called "groceries" since they were bought at grocery stores. "No," said the kindergartner; when I buy tea, and coffee, and sugar, I am buying groceries. I will tell you the word, for I do not think any of you know it. Potatoes and turnips and such things are all vegetables." The new word was easily adopted by the children. Some one named the tomato as a vegetable. This led to the explanation that vegetables unlike fruits, were generally cooked before being eaten. The children were then told to ask their mothers to give them each a potato, or a turnip, or some other vegetable, to bring to the kindergarten for to-morrow's lesson. They seemed to grasp the ideas of comparison and classification suggested easily and naturally. In this room a lessor with the "Fifth Gift," building blocks, was then given This gift consists of a three-inch wooden cube, divided into 27-inch cubes, three of the latter being sub-divided into half-cubes and 8 others into quarter-cubes. Any grown person who has handled this gift and knows how it falls to pieces under inexperienced fingers, would have atched with sympathy the serious and patient efforts of the little ones to follow dictation and build neatly and carefully, and would have admired the excellent results obtained by many of them. In another room younger children were building with the Third Gift, a 2-inch cube divided into 8 small ones, fences around a vegetable garden, this forming the connecting link with their morning talk. The youngest children were handling Froebel's First Gift, the worsted ball, and were "developing the activities of the solid," by the pleasing means of little songs and games in which the ball represented a bird, and was made to hop and fly, as it was rolled and ed. Games for the younger children followed under the management of the two assistant kindergartners

Miss Sara Michel and Miss Christine Goldmark, aided by some young ladies of the kindergarten normal They began with some light calisthenic exercises The children then played some of the pretty bird-gam of the kindergarten. These classes then marched out and their place was taken by the older children who also played games, after marching in single file, in twos and fours. The movements were executed quite accurately, and the marking of time was generally excellent. After this the entire kindergarten was soon busily engaged with the "occupation" work of the morning, beadstringing for the very little ones, some of whom are mere babies, and weaving for the older children.

### NUMBER-TEACHING IN THE UPPER SCHOOL.

In a third year class of 40 children in the primary department, the majority were engaged in writing and number work at their desks. A group of 13 was called to the blackboard. The tracher, Miss Abbie T. Lee, exercised them in the combinations of 8 with the other digits, asking of 18," How many are 8 and 9, 8 and 7, etc.? Combinations with the digits followed, "How many are 18 and 8? etc. The process was completed with 28, 38, etc., as far as 98. Subtraction was taken up in a similar manner: "18 less 9 is how many?" "17 less 8 is how many?" As the child hesitated the teacher asked: "What do you put with 8 to make 17?" Multiplication Multiplication was treated simply as the idea of repeated additions.
"How many are 7 sevens?" "How many are 7 fives— 7 sixes?" etc. Division was made an easy step to fractions: "49 divided by 7 is how much?" "How much is 1-7 of 49?" Some practical questions followed, as, "If Fred's father gave him 7 cents each day for 6 days, how many cents would he have at the end of that time? Most of them were solved readily and answered in complete sentences by the children. The little group was then dismissed and its place taken by a similar class in

### READING.

New words to the children were music, piano, voice fingers, written on the board among other words; they were pointed out and soon made familiar. The children were led to read with natural emphasis by a little pleas ant discussion of the story. A boy read in rather a dron-ing tone, "If Zip gave a peck with his sharp bill the boy s sure to scream. That was great fun for Zip.

The teacher led him to get the thought by asking, "Harry, if you had something to tell me that you 'great fun,' do you think you would say it in that way?

### NUMBERS AND DAYS.

Another primary class was adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing with 4, getting the same general idea of the relations of the number. A diagram was drawn on the board consisting of three concentric circles, in the smallest a figure 2, and around it in the two outer circles, rows of figures 3, 7, 8, 5, etc. The children seated at their desks, added 2 to each of the figures in the outer row, and subtracted 2 from each of those in the other, putting the work neatly on their slates. Busy work was supplied to those who finished soonest, by telling them to draw a clock, and the figures on its face in Roman numbers. A few spare moments were utilized for a little talk about the seasons: "How many sea-"What are their names?" sons are there?" many months in each season?" "How many in the year?" were asked and answered as points of interest to teacher and pupils, rather than given as parts of a formal son. Interesting days in some of the months were then spoken of: New Year's Day in January, Washington's Birthday in February; March was noted as the month in which, once in four years, a new president takes his seat.

### A LANGUAGE LESSON.

In all classes above the primary, pupils of the Work ingman's school, receive their instruction from special chers in each department. A class of 27 boys and girls of the 6th grade, that is, of 11 or 12 years, were being drilled by the teacher of English, Miss Helen Noble Farnam, on points brought out by the last compositions. Words that had been misspelled were given out to the class for oral spelling. The children showed lively interest and many hands were raised. The sign of pos was made clear by writing on the blackboard the title of one of the compositions, "An Oyster's View of Life," and explaining that the apostrophe meant his view." Paragraph and margin were discussed in a similar way. Titles of other compositions were: "A Trip Beneath the "Down Beneath the Deep," "Life Under the Sea." The special topics were chosen by the pupils according to individual taste, a general view of the subject having been developed by a talk with the teacher. One of them treated of a trip on a submarine gunboat as follows: 'The 'Whirlwind' moved away, soon clearing the bay, and sailing several miles in the ocean before going down. Harry gave a yell of surprise as they got down several hundred yards. Strange things were revealed in the glare of the great reflector-huge fishes several times the size of a codfish, large eels, and numerous other animals, swam around attracted by the light. Strange lizards, and huge, repulsive, and beautifully colored little fishes swam here and there. The sand of the bottom could be plainly seen. Harry's attention was attracted by what seemed a flower as white as the driven snow, about eighteen inches high and having two long plumes which trailed on the sand. This, his uncle said, was an animal, the male and female combined." The writer of this is a boy of thirteen who has been one year in the The noon bell sounded, and on going down stairs the kindergarten children were heard singing their good-by song.

Organized games under the charge of the teachers make the noon hour a pleasant one to the pupils who

### MODELING.

At one o'clock a visit was paid to the modeling-room in which a class of primary children were engaged in modeling a half-cone. Their attention was directed to the rounded surface of the model, its edges, its halfcircular base and the shadows cast by it upon the background. Excellent work is done by the pupils in freeband drawing and modeling. This department is under the charge of Mr. Geo. T. Tobin.

### SCIENCE TEACHING.

In the primary classes, science teaching is done by neans of carefully developed observation lessons. the higher grades zoology, botany, mineralogy, physics, and physiology are studied with the aid of chemical and physical apparatus, physiological charts, and manikins, specimens for analysis and dissection and very interest. ing natural history collections. This work is entirely objective, books being used only for collateral reading. The pupils make their own definitions and lists, classify ing by prominent characteristics, keeping note-books some of which are illustrated. The following extracts are from a 4th year note-book: "Birds.—Birds have feathers on the body, two legs and two wings, no external ears, warm blood, and they lay eggs. Frog.-Head, body, legs; head-eyes, mouth, ear. external ear absent, nostril, snout, jaws; body-back, underside; legs-toes, foot, leg. Frog covered with smooth skin."

The teachers make natural history excursions with their pupils, who afterwards write pleasing and intelligent accounts of these delightful afternoons spent in observing and collecting specimens.

### MANUAL TRAINING.

The manual training of the school includes modeling, free-hand drawing, pasteboard work, mechanical drawing; for the boys shop-work, consisting of a course of joinery, lathe, and metal work, and for the girls instruction in sewing-the cutting and making of garments. mending, crocheting, embroidery, and millinery. Good specimens of their work were shown in cabinets in the assembly-hall in which a physical culture class of fortyone boys and girls of the two upper classes, that is, from twelve to fifteen years of age, was forming in line across the room under the direction of Miss Lizzie Adams Cheney, the instructor, a graduate of the Sargent sys-

## A VISIT TO AN EARNEST SCHOOL.

The following lessons were given at Primary School, No. 49, E. The following lessons were given at Primary School, No. 49, E. 37th street, Miss Buckalew, principal. About a thousand children attend this school, and as the ball will not seat so large a number, there are two sets of morning exercises, the younger children being received later. The exercises, opened by a pleasant "Goodmorning, children," from the principal and a hearty response from the children, consist of readings from the Bible, singing two bymns, some light calisthenic exercises, and a cheertul song that speaks of some of the wonders and beauties of nature.

# A COLOR LESSON.

The material in the hands of the pupils consists of bits of tissue paper laid upon a slate which is quickly and silently passed among the children. The first little girl rises and turning to her neighbor, asks, "What color is my paper?" In most cases the response is correct and ready; where it is not so, the hesitating child is motioned to her seat by the questioner, who passes on to the next in order. This work was begun, at the first of the term, with one color, red, with which nearly every child is familiar. The other colors of the spectrum are added gradually until now all are in use.

A child is then allowed "play teacher," She selects

several papers, and, standing in front of the class, asks, "What color is this paper?" "Orange." "Those who have orange papers may stand."

### LINES AND ANGLES

The teacher draws on the blackboard | and asks, "What is this?" "A straight line." "In what position?" "Standing." Curved, spiral, and crooked lines follow and are named correctly. — is a straight line lying down." Square, sharp, blunt, and round corners are then described. A waved line puzzles the children for a moment, and the teacher assists them by asking, "What did you see at the sea-shore?"

### FORM AND COLOR.

A form and color lesson is given by means of little flags with squares, oblongs, triangles, circles, rings, and crescents of colored paper pasted on them. The children, rising in turn, name and describe the forms on the flags. They hold and name the color, as "A ring has two curved edges. Pink!" The children who have squares are then asked to rise; those who have triangles, etc. Calling for colors follows. "The children who have blue may rise," etc.

### THE SENSES.

The child says, "I have five senses—sight, hearing, etc," pointing to the organs of sense. One gives a definition of sense as "the way the mind learns about things in the world. The mind is what thinks, knows, and feels." Sentences given by each child: "I have seen a dog." "I have tasted a banana."

### ANOTHER FORM AND COLOR LESSON.

A child matches a color on the chart, from a little tablet in her hand. The class pronounce upon her work as "right" and name the colors. Tints, shades, and neutral colors are noted, as cream, drab, lemon, etc.

Forms, cubes, cylinders, and cones are then matched and described in like manner.

### EXPERIMENTAL.

The material in the hands of pupils, fur, velvet, egg-shells, licorice (fibrous), glass, wood, lead, coral, sponge, tin, cotton (combustible), candles (inflammable), leather, and other things being distributed among the children, and described by them, as "By the sense of touch I know that this wood is rough because it has an uneven

### ANOTHER SENSE LESSON.

Here the teacher writes upon the blackboard the names of the senses and calls for qualities that can be known by sight, receiving replies of transparent, translucent, opaque, etc. After all the senses have been discussed, the teacher asks in what way we find out more about things. The children say "by trying or experimenting." In this way they find that things are tough, brittle, inflammable, malleable, ductile, compressible, fusible, soluble, etc.

## FORM LESSON BY DRAWING.

The teacher asks the children what she has drawn and they tell her, "Lines, angles, pictures of plane forms, pictures of solid forms." The children then draw lines in the air, and name them, as straight, curved, waved, crooked, spiral.

The positions of lines are then considered vertical, horizontal, and slanting. Positions of one line with another follow, perpendicular and parallel lines being drawn and studied and, in like manner, the slanting line shown to form angles right, acute, and obtuse, with the straight line. Plane forms are then described by the children, as "A square has four straight, equal sides and four right angles." A box of plane and solid forms is then passed among the children. Each child fingers and describes the form he holds: "A sphere has a round, curved surface," etc.

"A conoid has a circular base and curved sides coming to a point at the apex." The plane forms considered are squares, oblongs, rhombs, rhomboids, ovals, and ellipses; triangles, right-angled, acute, and obtuse; the solid forms include sphere, cube, conoid, pyramids, and prisms of different kinds.

By this time twelve o'clock strikes, and as we return to the hall, the children file out from their class-rooms, and march out to cheerful music.

### FORM STUDY AND DRAWING.

[Report of a form study and drawing lesson given by Mrs. Carter to special students at the New York College for the Training of Teachers.]

Teachers.]

Materials used in the lesson consisted of solid forms—wooden sphere, cube, cylinder, square prism and hemisphere on the scale of the inch cube; plane forms—tablets, corresponding in size, square, circle, oblong, and semi-circle; paper—two 2-in. squares and an oblong piece 6 in. by 10.

The lesson began with circle drawing. With young children the way to this work should be prepared by handling the sphere and showing circles in the air. An objection to indicating the circle by points or by drawing the diameters is, that children thus guided do not think of the entirety of the circle and are apt to draw it with concave or convex corners between the ends of the diameters. Circles were theh drawn by the students upon the paper oblong; laying it upon the desk lengthwise from front to back, folding "front edge to back edge, open; front edge to middle fold, back edge to middle, open; left edge to right edge, open."

The paper was seen to be divided into eight oblongs. The instructor made an incidental remark on the value of paperfolding in manual training. She cautioned students to use great care, in all form study with young children, to bring out the thought, associating the form used in work with other forms of its kind—as the folded paper oblongs with the panels of the door, etc., that the children may not think of sphere, cube, and cylinder, only as the models used in the school-room. Referring to the folded paper, children should be asked "Into how many parts is the paper folded?" and led to give answers in complete sentences or in the form of little stories, as, "My paper is a field divided into 8 little gardens." Circles were then drawn in the 8 oblongs, the instructor dictating: "Hold pencils pointed to the left. Move" (circles drawn in the air). "Draw." Suggestions forbolding the interest of children were to ask for pictures of 8 balls, 8 oranges, etc.; in drawing vertical lines to ask for pictures of the edge of the blackboard, thus "keeping away from the abstract."

Vertical lines should be drawn from top to bottom, horizontal from left to right, thus "leaving work behind." In representing the square, opposite sides should be drawn if possible. The cube should be studied as having parallel faces and edges, thus serving to introduce parallel lines. "Practice" or movement lines should not be dwelt uponso long as to tire pupils.

With very little children, sticks are much used as an introduction to the line. "Pictures of the face of the cube," etc., are made with them, also forms of objects, chairs, tables, etc. The children may be asked how many sticks they have used, how many vertical and how many horizontal lines. Language and number teaching lie near this work and it was remarked that, "in school methods, the time has gone by when subjects stood off and would not speak to one another."

The cube was handled so as to bring out by the exercise how its taces come together and form edges and corners. A 2-in. square of paper was foided "front edge to back edge, open—right edge to lett edge" and then cut, on one of the folds, to the middle. Pupils should be asked to fold the corner of the cube, and drilled on hollow and solid corners. This fold may be secured by a drop of mucilage and the work made pleasing to the children. Children should be exercised in drawing solid forms in the air and describing them, as, "I am thinking of something shaped like this," making the sphere by drawing in the air circles intersecting each other at right angles. This may be called the thinking game. Work with little children should be thorough and well reviewed to make it certain that they understand the forms of which they talk, as, "Saying does not signify knowing," and grammar and high school pupils who have had little or no manual training, will give glib definitions of forms of which they are really ignorant. Another 2-in. square of paper was then lolded and cut into fourinch squares. Children should be told to arrange them in a horizontal row, making the spaces even and not of the same size as the squares, as in designing this produces a disagreeable effect. Some designs were then laid with the square tablets, touching by edges and overlapping. In making designs, touching by corners only should be avoided, also a weak center, too many angles of the same kind, and too many parallel lines. First steps in understanding working drawing should consist in taking views of objects. Views illustrated by looking from different windows of the room; holding the sphere so as to see front view, left view, etc., thus developing the idea that its shape is the same in all positions; holding the sphere so as to see front view, left view, etc., thus developing the idea that its shape is the same in all positions; holding the sphere so as to see the fout of the eye, children will be likely to say that it "looks like a bowl." Have t

Students should keep in mind that a working drawing knows no perspective and concerns itself with the two dimensions only.

Practical suggestions thrown out in the course of the leason were, to interest children before hampering them with rules: for instance, to allow a child to begin to draw without at first insisting on the proper way of holding a pencil. On the other hand care must be taken to guard against the formation of bad habits. As to the care of material, scissors, indispensable in form lessons, should be cleaned and oiled a little before being put away for any long period; pencils should be sharpened by removing the wood from the lead and rubbing the point on sandpaper.

In introducing any new solid to pupils, bring out its "activities" or possibilities of movement; thus, show that the hemisphere will stand, rock, and spin on its rounding face and stand very still on its plane face. Write the word plane on the blackboard that the children may become familiarized with it.

## TO SCALE MOUNT KENIA.

Dr. Hans Meyer, the mountain explorer, who reached the two summits of Kilima-Njaro though many others had failed, will try during the winter to reach the top of Mount Kenia (19,000 feet high), the second highest mountain in Africa. He expects to live for several weeks in the neighborhood of the snow line or above it, and will take an ample supply of sheepskin sleeping bags, blankets, and rubber coverings, in addition to ice axes, snow spectacles, Alpine ropes, climbing irons, and other necessary articles. The great difficulty met with on these snow-topped mountains is the failure of the food supply. He will arrange to have a regular supply carried to the upper regions,

# SUPPLEMENTARY.

The teacher will find material here to supplement the usua class work. If rightly used it will greatly increase the genera int-ligence of the pupils, and add to the interest of the schoolroom.

# Christmas Exercises.

MOTHER GOOSE CANTATA.

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CHARACTERS, COSTUMES:—Mother Goose.—Red or yellow hat, pointed crown. Gay dress, grotesque style. Staff. Simon.—Sleader boy, blg redapron, cap with tassel. Old Woman who lives in a shoe.—Old lady's cap, dress, and handkerchief. Powdered hair. Carries a large doll wearing a long dress. Mother Hubbard.—Cap with wide frill. Mother Hubbard gown. A pet dog, or a stuffed mination will do. Bopeep.—Shepherdess dress. Long crook decorated with ribbons. Her sheep.—Two boys, wearing suits of white, tufted with wool. Masks or imitation heads; or instead toy sheep may be used. Little Boy Blue.—Blue suit, wide ruffles at neck, wrists, and knees; horn. Old Woman and hen.—Old woman in old lady's costume, or Kate Greenaway. The hen may be a boy dressed in black cambric, with a mask representing a chicken's face. Bachelor.—Large overcoat, large plug hat. Wheelbarrow, large enough to boid a ting girl. His wife.—White dress, tarleton veil, fastened with a wreath of flowers, parasol. Rides in wheelbarrow with feet dangling out behind. (The stage should give ample room for the march. Seats should be placed on each side of stage, for the different persons, when through their parts. The Christmas stocking can be made of red calico, and fastened out of sight by wires. Piano accompaniment adds very much.)

(Enter Mother Goose leaning upon her stoff; she bows in a bright manner and sings. Tune: "Little White Lily:")

"I greet you, dear friends, I am called Mother Goose, A queer, homely name, but I think it's no use To quarrel about it, and then you can see

The children all like it, and that pleases me."

Recites.—I am Mother Goose, a poor, simple old body who makes verses to get children to sleep. I'm pretty old, but I'm not afraid to tell my age. I would like to tell you how old I am if I only knew, but I think I'm more than a thousand years old. Shall I sing another verse to you? (Sings—same tune as above:)

"I have brought just a few of my family along, To charm you with lively talk, and with song. Old Mother Hubbard, Bopeep, too, The funny Old Woman who lives in a shoe."

My verses are just like soothing syrup, and I know you'd like to hear some of them. You've read some of them! Well, I am glad. But here is one the little ones always like: (Sings. Tune: "Lightly Row:")

"Hey, diddle, diddle,
The cat played the fiddle,
The cow jumped over the moon,
The little dog laughed
To see such fun,
And the dish ran away with the spoon."

Recites.—But that little dog! Wouldn't you like to see the little dog that laughed? He's a funny fellow! Shall I bring him out? (Leaves stage and re-enters with a covered basket.) The dog's in this basket. I'll let him out in a minute. He won't hurt you, my dear children. He only laughs. (Coaxingly.) Now, Fido, I'm going to let you out. You can laugh a little for these children. Ion't you want to get out, Fido? You coax him a little, children. (Children sing in a beseeching tone. Tune: "My Pussy:"

"Come, come my pretty Fido,
Stand up for some sport!
No! No! my little children,
I'd much rather not.
I hate such a riot,
So let me be quiet,
A-dreaming, dreaming, a-dreaming so sweet!

"Come, come, pretty Fido, Come, come out, I say. No! No! my little children, Do please let me stay Here in the basket; I Lie softly and snugly,

A-dreaming, dreaming, a-dreaming so sweet!

(Mother Goose meanwhite bends over basket as though coaxing him. Recites, very coaxingly:)—Now, you'll come out, doggie. Here, Fido, here! He's afraid, poor fellow. Come out, poor little doggie! I'll have to take him out. Poor fellow, he shall come out; yes, he shall. (Takes out the large toy dog and holds it up.) That's the doggie! But he's tired, so I'll put him back in his snug

basket. Now, I'll call Simon. Simon! Simon! Simon!

(From behind, Simon answers), "Ma'am?"

Here! I want to show you to the children. (Simon enters the door with a large tin pail, hook, and line, and says:) "Can't; I want to go fishing." (Puts pail down and fishes while Mother Goose says:) This is Simple Simon. I made a verse about him. I know you would like to hear it, too. (Sings.—Tune: "Goodbye, my Lover, goodbye!")

"Simple Simon went a-fishing, Meant to catch a whale. All the water he had got, Was in his mother's pail."

(Throws up hands.) Simon is such a trial! Now, you go away and send the old bachelor out. I made a few verses about him, too. Perhaps you know them, but no matter.

(The Bachelor enters with empty wheelbarrow, wheeling slowly around the stage while she sings. Tune: "My Pussy:")

"When I was a bachelor I lived by myself,
And the bread and the cheese I put upon the shelf.
The rats and the mice, they made such a strife
That I had to go to London to buy me a wife."

(Bachelor re-enters with wife in the wheelbarrow, and wheels very slowly disappearing just as the last line is sung:)

"The streets were so broad and the lanes were so narrow.

That I had to fetch her home on an old wheelbarrow. The wheelbarrow broke, and my wife get a fall, And away went the wheelbarrow, wife, and all.

(Mother Goose, to all the children:) Now, children, call the little "piper." (School sings. Tune: "Little White Lily:")

"Little Boy Blue, come blow your horn.
The sheep's in the meadow, the cow's in the corn.
Where is the boy that looks after the sheep?
He's under the hay-cock, fast asleep."

(While singing, Little Boy Blue enters with his horn; keeps time to the music, bows, waves his horn, and departs.)

(Little Old Woman who lives in a shoe enters, carrying a large doll. She bows.)

Mother Goose.—Why, good afternoon, Old Woman who lives in a shoe. You have brought only one of your children with you.

Old Woman .- (Same tune as above:)

I'm the old woman who lives in a shoe; With so many children, oh! what shall I do? Their supper is over, their prayers have been said;

I bade them good-night and tucked them in bed. (Hears laughing: turns and listens.)
Why surely they're laughing and romping in there.

They're up, and are coming out here, I declare."

(Enter eight little girls with dolls in their arms and racite:)

Dear mamma, do not scold us; Of course we know you told us, Sound asleep we soon must be; So we shut our eyes and tried, But they would fly open wide, Naughty little darlings we.

So each one waked her dolly, They're sweet as they can be; (*Kiss dolls.*) We think 'tis very jolly, Happy little darlings we.

We heard the children singing; Their merry voices ringing, Kept us wide awake, you see; And we thought if we should come We might help the music some, Happy little children we."

(They join hands in a circle around the Old Woman alternating with the dolls, and dance around keeping step to the music; then resume their places in semi-circle.)

Old Woman.—(Sings same tune as before:)

Oh dear ! 'tis no wonder my hair has turned gray; When I was a child, was I naughty this way ? But 'tis only mischief, so I'll not scold, Although I'm afraid the poor things will take cold."

Now, pets, as you've come, you must wide awake keep, And help me to sing little sister to sleep.

(Old Woman and children sing; same tune as above:)

1. Hush-a-by, baby, on the tree-top,

When the wind blows the cradle will rock; When the bough breaks the craile will fall: Down will come baby, cradle, and all.

- Hush-a-by, baby, up in the sky,
   On a soft cloud 'tis easy to fly;
   When the cloud bursts the raindrops will pour,
   Baby comes down to mother once more.
- Lullaby, mother, rest in your chair, Grown are the babes who needed your care; Weary is toil, but short is the day, Happy the sleep that bears it away.

Exit.

(The dolls are rocked to and fro, in time to the music. Enter Little Bopeep. Mother Goose goes to her and greets her.)

Where have you been roaming, my gentle Bopeep, Still hunting for those sheep?

Little Bopeep recites :

Two of my pretty white sheep Have wandered far, far away; I've treated them kindly ever; How could they have gone astray?

The others are in the fold,
All sleeping snug and warm,
And must still search till these
Are with them and safe from harm.

School sing: Tune: "Yankee Doodle."

Little Bopecp has lost her sheep, She don't know where to find them; Let them alone, and they'll come home With their tails behind them."

Bopeep recites :

Like sheep, we oft go astray From the Heavenly Shepherd's fold, And wander in sinful ways, Far off in the dark and cold.

Then the tender Shepherd calls, Still seeking us everywhere, And brings us back in His arms, With a Father's loving care.

I must find my sheep, though they Have not precious souls like we. Hark! surely I hear them now; My sheep have come home to me!

(Sheep come in from a side entrance on the stage, and stand near Bopeep, who caresses them, and leads them out, while the school sings:)

Little Bopeep has found her sheep, Patiently she sought them; Safely home, no more to roam, Lovingly she brought them.

(Enter a little girl with a dog in her arms. Recites to Mother Goose who is sitting down:)

I had a little doggie that used to sit and beg, But doggie tumbled down stairs and broke his little leg. Oh!doggie, I will nurse you, and try to make you well. And you shall have a collar with a pretty little bell.

Oh! doggie, don't you think you should very faithful be For having such a faithful friend as me?

And when your leg is better, and you can run and play, We'll have a scamper in the fields and see them making hay.

But, doggie, you must promise, and mind your word you keep,

Not once to tease the little lambs, or run among the sheep;

And then the yellow chicks that play upon the grass,—You must not even wag your tail to scare them as you

(Exit little girl. Enter Mother Hubbard with a dog in her arms.)

Mother Goose:

You're looking quite gloomy and sad. Is your little dog sick? I hope he's not mad, or are you grieving for that bone? (Turns to audience.) Shall I show you the bone that she gave her dog? (Takes up a box from the table and turns it upside down.) Nothing there? Well, that's the bone! For you remember that—

(Mother Goose and the school sing: Tune: "Yanker Doodle.")

Old Mother Hubbard
Went to the cupboard
To get her poor dog a bone,
When she got there
The cupboard was bare,
So her poor dog had none.

(Old Mother Hubbard answers by singing to same tune:)

Old Father Hubbard
Has been to my cupboard
And taken my poor dog's bone,
And gnawed it quite bare,
'Tis a shame, I declare!
For now the dear creature has none.''

(Goes to her seat on one side of the stage.)

Mother Goose :

I wish the Old Woman and her hen would come! I want you to see them. (Calls:) Chickie! Chickie!

(Enter Old Woman and hen.)

Sings:
I had a little hen, the prettiest ever seen.

She washed me the dishes and swept the house clean.

Didn't you, hen? (The hen nods.)

She went to the mill to bring me some flour, She brought it home in less than an hour. She baked me my bread, she never once did fail, She sat by the fire, and told many a fine tale. Isn't it so, my little hen? (Hen bows.)

Mother Goose :

You're a real good hen, and I'm glad you come. Now 'tis time we had a change, though half my family you've not seen.

(Chords are struck on piano.)

Mother Goose waved her staff to those sitting on either side of stage, takes her place, leads the march around stage twice, down center; one to the right, the next to left, etc., meet in pairs at back; march to the front, separate, one pair to right, one to left etc; first pair form an arch at back, the next pass through and do the same, until ten arches are formed, then first pair pass through and separate, one to right, the other to left; rest follow; march in ones to their places, remain standing. Mother Goose stands in center.

Recites :

I hung up a stocking, and I hope Santa Clause has put something good in it for you. He is as great a friend to children as I am myself, and when he sees that large stocking hanging there in the chimney wide, he'll say to himself, "Ah! this is one of Mother Goose's tricks, but all her children are my children, the world over, and I will remember each one this Christmas eve."

(Mother Goose and the others on stage point to where the stocking hangs out of sight, which is lowered as they sing:)

Tune: "Where do all the Daisies go?"

Stocking! stocking! now appear,
To the children waiting here,
Come down lower, lower, lower,
Even to the very floor.
With your ever loving care,
Give to each his share."
(Mother Goose opens stocking.)

Why, I declare! What a fellow Santa Claus is! Here are balls of popcorn and good things for all of you. I thought Old Santa wouldn't disappoint you. Here is one for Willie and for Julius. See! you all are remembered, and I wish each a very merry Christmas. Now, as I call your name, you may come up for whatever Santa has given you, and then go quietly home to enjoy your Christmas pleasure there.

# THE KING.

Who said that the summer was fairest, And autumn, the harvest's proud queen? Who called that pale season the rarest, When buds are first tingeing with green?

Who'd chant to the praise of the subjects, Forgetting their monarch's to sing! Who'd bow at the feet of his pages, And not at the throne of their king?

King winter! his diadems crown him; Pure silver his mantle, aglow With crystals that gleam in the sunlight, And sparkle like gems in the snow.

Who said that his kingdom was barren? His forests a wilderness drear? Go view the long arches, where slumber The trees in the hush of the year!

Who said that his heart, too, was frozen?
The bells ring his cheer from their spires;
And see, from a thousand warm corners
The chimneys are roaring his fires!

So when round your firesides you gather,
Your glad Christmas carols to sing,
When plenty has crowned the glad season,
All hail to her monach, the king!

# IMPORTANT EVENTS, ETC.

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### NEWS SUMMARY.

NOVEMBER 17.—Serious riot near Moscow—one hundred peas-ants shot and wounded by soldiers.—A ship capsized on the Dal-matian coast and thirty-eight persons drowned. NOVEMBER 18.—Parnell will remain the leader of the National-

.—Premier Crispi in a speech said that the government had omplished many internal reforms, and had conquered for Italy sation among the nations of the world that no one dare risk

November 19.—Dillon and O'Brien sentenced to six months in all.—United States troops surround the Indians in South Dakota. -Chinese fortify Guirine in Manchuria.

NOVEMBER 21.—The city of Berlin sets aside buildings for Dr. Koch for hospitals.—On account of the United States tariff, France retaliates by laying heavy restrictions on American life

NOVEMBER 23.—Gen. Booth gets large subscriptions to help arry out his plan.—Death of Bishop Beckwith, of the Protestant spiscopal church.

### RESUME OF EVENTS. FOR REVIEW.

### NOVEMBER.

The election gave the Democrats the lower house of the next congress by an overwhelming majority, and made the senate nearly a tie. The coast of New Jersey suffered considerably from a severe storm. The Mormon church forbade polygamy, thus placing itself in accord with the laws of the United States. A ship canal is projected to connect Lake Erie and a tributary of the Ohio river. Gold was discovered near the Black hills. Mississippi adopted a new constitution, requiring an educational qualification for voting. The Indians in the Northwest prepared for war, and settlers fled to places of safety. It is proposed to unite Georgian bay and Lake Ontario by a ship canal. Rear Admiral Steedman died. Sir Julian Pauncefort propose a plan for settling the Behring sea question. Canad reduced the postal rate from three to two cents. Great Britain and France tried to settle the Newfoundland fishing question, with fair hopes of success. The anniversary of the Brazilian republic was celebrated. It was decided to fix the boundary line between French and Dutch Guiana by arbitration. A revolt of soldiers took place in Honduras. A financial panic occurred; the back of North America becoming embarrassed, was helped out by the other banks, and abroad, the Barings received an imm loan from the Bank of England to tide them over. Petro leum was discovered in France. William III., of the Netherlands, was declared unfit to reign, and a few days after died. The British ship Serpent was sunk off the coast of Spain with nearly all on board. The Pope will appoint a commissi on to discuss the social question. Emperor Wil-liam arrested an editor for reporting his speech. Dr. Koch made a sensation in the medical world by announcing a made a sensation in the medical world by announcing a cure for consumption. A scheme was proposed for tunnel-ing between Ireland and Scotland. British gunboats entered the Zambesi river. Several African colonization schemes were started. Baron Wissmann proposed to establish a civilized government in German East Atrica. Progress was made in the excavations at ancient Troy.

# QUESTIONS.

- 1. Give a sketch of Mormonism. What is polygamy?
- 2. What would be the gain by connecting Lake Erie and the Ohio river by a canal?
- What is there to say in favor of an educational test for voters ? 4. What has caused most of the Indian wars in the
- United States
- 5. Why is it necessary to protect the seals in Behring 6. What is the chief industry of Newfoundland, and
- why? What has Brazil done toward organizing a permanent
- government? 8. What can be said of arbitration as a means of settling international difficulties
- Why, if there is one business failure, are there likely
- 10. Tell something about the people and productions of the Netherlands.
- 11. What is the meaning of the expression, "Free speech and a free press." Does it exist in Russia? In Germany? In Ireland
- 12. What will Great Britain gain by controlling the nav igation of the Zambesi river?

KILLED BY A NIHILIST.-Gen. Seliverskoff, a Rus agent in France, died from the effects of a bullet wound in his head, inflicted, the police believe, by a Nihilist as an act of revenge. What is a Nihilist?

Indians' Land.-In his report, Secretary Noble says that an allotment of land in severalty to the Indians has been made; over 2,000 Indians have received their shares in the last eighteen months; while eight other reservations, with a population of 9,300, are now being apportioned. What does holding land in "severalty" mean?

THE CONGO STATE.-The steamer Luciaba left Antwerp for Zanzibar with the agents of the Congo state and the Anti-Slavery Society on board. The Jesuits have de-cided to establish missions in the Congo state. Where is the Congo state?

A NEW CRUISER.-The U.S. Cruiser Maine was launched at the Brooklyn ravy yard Nov. 18. Her descent into the water was greeted with booming cannon. This vessel is provided with sufficient armor and guns for offence and

BEFRIENDING THE JEWS .- A protest against the pro cution of the Jews in Russia is being prepared and will be published unless the government interferes. It is signed by journalists, and literary and professional men. What is the character of Russia's government!

Brazil's Anniversary.-The Brazilian republic celebrat ed its first anniversary November 15. Congress met for the first time on that day, and listened to the president's mes sage. There was a review of the army, and banquets and other festivities. The powers lodged in the provisional government were transferred to the people's representatives in congress. Name the republics of the Western continent.

EGGS FOR ENGLAND.—Canada is shipping large quantities of eggs to England. The United States produces a large number of eggs and for the most part consumes them being to a large extent cut off from a foreign market by the tariff.

SUFFERING POOR.-In many places in Ireland, London and other large cities in England, and throughout Ger-many there is likely this winter to be great suffering among oor. Emperor William has been studying the problem and has a plan for colonizing German South Africa veterans of the army, and others. He is encouraged on account of the success of the German colonies in New Guinea. Name some great migrations of history.

THE MEDITERRANEAN QUESTION.—There are some interesting political questions connected with the countries bordering on this sea. It is very uncertain at present what nation will get control of Syria and Asia Minor, but it is probably Russia. Morocco's government is so bad that the only reason it has not been annexed is that it has not been decided what power shall take it. If the French should fortify Bisarta they could "cork up" the strait between Tunis and Sicily. England has to keep a fleet in the sea to hold her own. Under the Triple alliance Italy and Austria must preserve the balance of power in the sea What is meant, politically, by "balance of power"!

THE SIGNAL SERVICE.-Chief Signal Officer Greely re ports that there has been a great growth lately in the sigtem of signaling by means of the heliograph (an instrument for telegraphing by means of the sun's rays). 98 per cent. of all the "cold waves" were predicted. He says that tornadoes are not so destructive to life as thunder storms. Of what benefit are signal service predictions !

BARON WISSMANN'S PLAN.-This pobleman, who is the German commissioner in East Africa, has gone to Zanzibar. He will not fight the natives, but will form a civilized gov-A provincial police force will be created, the harbors will be improved, and roads built in the German possessions. What agreement did Germany recently make with Great Britain.

SOUTH DAKOTA'S CAPITAL -At an election several months ago Pierre was chosen as the capital. A recent dispatch says that the question of where the capital shall be located finally, will go to the courts.

STATUES OF NOTED MEN.-A bronze bust of heroic size of Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock is soon to be erected in Hancock park, at St. Nicholas avenue and West One Hundred and Twenty-third street, New York. The letter-carriers will also place a monument to S. S. Cox in one of the New

PETROLEUM IN FRANCE.-A discovery of petroleum i eported from the foot hills near Clarmont Auvergne. France. The oil is said to be quite equal to that found in Baku or Pennsylvania. Tell how petroleum is obtained

NATIONAL BOARD OF COMMERCE.—Prominent merchant want the United States government to establish a nations board of commerce. It will be similar to the English board of trade. Secretary Windom recently appointed commission to hear arguments on the proposition. Of what value would a national board of commerce be to the

BIG GUNS AT HALIFAX.-Four big guns will be placed in the new fort on Macnab island, in the center of Halifax harbor. The weight of one just received is 32 tons, the bore 10 inches, charge of powder 250 pounds, which will throw a 500-pound shell 2,000 yards. The shot will pene-trate wroughtiron 19 1-3 inches. When were iron warships

### OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO PUPILS.

A MAN WITH A FROG'S SKIN.—It is stated in a Chicago paper that an Indianopolis woodworker fell into a steam vat at the Indianopolis Veneer Works two months ago. His flesh was cooked, and the doctors decided that there was only one chance in a thousand of having his life saved —by removing the skin from his body. After two days this was done. He was peeled from head to foot. Frog's skin was grafted on as the dead skin was removed. The operahas proved a complete success, and the man has recovered sufficiently to be able to return to work.

SIGNING A CHECK BY ELECTRICITY.-Mr. Edison has invented an instrument by which a check can be signed one hundred miles distant. The sender traces his writing on soft paper with a stylus. This is on a cylinder which, by revolving, "makes and breaks" the current by means of the varying indentations on the paper. At the receiving end of the wire a similar cylinder, moving like the other, receives the current on a chemically prepared paper, on which it traces the signatures in black letters on a white

BEETHOVEN'S HOUSE.-The Beethoven house at Bonn is now open for public inspection. Within are to be found a large number of portraits, busts, and autographs of the composer, with his violin and other instruments, including the last grand piano used by him. The latter is still in good condition. Beethoven's aural appliances are ame the most interesting of the relics.

Horse-Flesh for Food.-Just twenty-four years ago the first horse butcher in Paris opened his shop. Since then there have been started nearly one hundred and forty horse flesh shops in the department of the Seine, and at the present time about twenty-thousand horses are killed every year in Paris for human food. In Paris the price of the eat is less than half that of ordinary butcher's meat, Berlin is following the example of Paris.

THE SMALLEST FLOWERING PLANT. -The smallest flowering plant is Wolfila microscopica, a native of India. It belongs to the duckweed family. It is almost microscopic in size, destitute of proper stem, leaves, and root, but having these organs merged in one, forming a frond. The fronds multiply, and with such rapidity does this take place, that a few days often suffice to produce from a few individ. uals enough similar ones to cover many square rods of pond surface with the minute green granules. Small as these plants are, they bear flowers. Two are produced on ant, each of them very simple, one of a single stamen, and the other of a single pistil, both of which burst through the upper surface of the frond.

THE COMPASS PLANT.-This plant is found in Texas and Oregon, and takes its popular name from the tendency to polarity of its leaves. It is also known as the pilot-weed and polar plant. The radial leaves of this plant present their edges north and south, while their faces are turned east and west. This peculiarity, it is said, has long been known to hunters and travelers, who, when lost on dark nights, easily get their bearings by feeling the direction of the leaves.

EYE-STONES.-These are portions of the covering of certain shell-fish, serving to close the opening whea animal draws itself within. They are hard, stony bodies, about the size of split peas, one-third to one-sixth of an inch in diameter, a little longer than broad, having one surface plane and the other convex. When one of these stones is placed under the eyelid, at the outer corner, the natural movements of the hd in winking push it gradually toward the inner side, and when it comes in contact with the mote, this is carried along, and finally expelled with it.

THE PARACHUTE.—An aeronaut lately said he did not descend with a parachute from a less height than 3,000 feet. A smaller distance does not give the parachute time to expand. He descended once from a height of 10,000 feet. At the beginning of the descent the sensation resembles that experienced by people descending in an elevator, only it is more intense, and the speed is so fast as to take one's The main danger in parachuting has been due to the oscillating motion in the air. During some descents this oscillation is so great as to bring the parachute on a horizontal line with the aeronaut. When he leaves the balloon he pulls a rope which opens a valve, allowing the gas to escape, and it usually reaches the ground before he

THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH POLE. - Polar discovery presents a great fascination for mariners. Dr. Nansen will lead an expedition to the North pole, and his vessel will be so built that instead of being crushed by ice floes it will be raised and carried onward. Prof. Nordenskyold will raised and carried onward. Prof. Nordenskyold will attempt to force the icy barriers of the South pole. He will seek a harbor in which to winter, and push to the south in the following spring. It must be said that in th field of exploration Scandinavian enterprise is ahead. Why does it become colder as we approach the poles?

# CORRESPONDENCE.

Correspondence is welcomed, provided that it is written upon one side of the paper only, and is signed with real name and ad-dress. Many questions remain over until next week.

### THE GRUBE METHOD.

Col. Parker, in his "Talks on Teaching," says, "No one can fairly judge a method by seeing it in operation once or twice, because the application may not be correct, and that cannot be judged unless the foundation principles are known." I was reminded of these words when reading the remarks on the "Grube Method," in The Journal of the 15th. The writer does not want "to disparage the Grube Method"; but "her own observations" have led her to feel that "it is confusing, harmful, stagnating, to the child of ordinary brain power." If this is the case, we will have to do away with the Grube Method, although it has stood proof for over fifty years. It seems to me that the writer has witnessed wrong applications of the method

The foundation principles of the Grube Method, have been accepted by all modern educationists. Many teachers that oppose the method in theory, acknowledge in practice that they cannot do without the principles laid down by Grube. Of course, we refer to the teachers of primary arithmetic; for in the lower grades, and particularly "the lowest grade," the Grube Method finds its proper place. Now let us inquire on what basis Grube has built

Grube is a disciple of Pestalozzi and believes with his great master in the one cardinal truth: "Education is the generation of power." Therefore he refutes the shopkeeper principle which demands of teaching number only the one thing, that the child be enabled to solve with readiness the arithmetical problems on every-day business His system rests on a *psychologic basis*. Its primary ob ject is to increase mental power. Through sense-perception, the memory, and thinking, the child is first to gain a clear idea of a *number*, to measure and compare it with others before being taught the practical application. He has to get the rabbit before he is told to skin it. The Grube Method is a logical proceeding. Viewing a number in its many relations demands intense observation; and, as the child is led to be continually active in discovering for him self as much as possible, his powers of attention and con centration are sharpened and increased. His interest and zeal are kept aglow, and voluntary mental action is secured. Thus the teaching of number becomes a powerful factor in the cultivation of the powers of the mind, and therefore, also an educational economy of "time, strength and energy

It would require more space than the editors of THE JOURNAL can afford to allow me to discuss all the excel-lencies of the Grube Method. But it will perhaps be seen from what has been said, that the method rests on a basis that will stand proof against all attacks. An eminent German educationist writes of the Grube Method in the low-est grade (first school-year): "It may be looked upon as a lasting pedagogic acquisition;" and another adds, "The Grube Method is founded on the science of psychology, and therefore cannot be replaced by a better one.

OSSIAN H. LANG

I am very much afraid that you are neglecting to throw the influence of the paper against tobacco smoking. Last summer at Saratoga some principals gave out that they were attending the teachers' association, but sat smoking all day long on the hotel piazzas! Now there is not a day that I do not strive to foster a spirit of repugnance to tobacco among my boys: I feel that every teacher from one end of the country to the other should do this. I never see a boy get dull and uninterested in school but what I find a tobacco smoker. The boys who play truant are all smoker, and a physician told me only yesterday that a sick boy who had been in my class would stand a better chance of getting well if he had not hurt his recuperative powers by smoking. Do speak out on this subject, even if it offend some smoking principals.

A NEW YORK TRACHER.

The teacher should not smoke. We are not certain that we would advise the rejection of a good man solely on account of his smoking, but between two men equally good in other respects, we would counsel the selection of the non-smoker. While smoking cannot be classed with immoral acts, it certainly is a practice that no teacher should indulge in. Thousands of young men learn to smoke—and give up study; thousands of young men smoke away their evenings instead of employing them in self-advancement. This argument alone is one that should be conclusive with

What would you do to prevent scholars from missing mards in spelling? 2. Are Lake of the Woods and Lake Supernected? Shall be glad to have some interesting exercises many physiology and arithmetic. F. W. M.

1. Have them write the words neatly; also put them in sentences. Above all, create an interest in the words. I fear you are taking those children beyond their depth. Remember what Pestalozzi says: "To have a knowledge of words with no distinct idea of the things they represent, enormously increases the difficulty of getting at the truth. Why have I been so foolish as to let him pronounce im-

perfect words without giving a clear idea of the meaning?"

2. No; its outlet is the Winnipeg river into Lake Win-We will bear in mind your wishes,

1. I have an idiotic child coming to school to me. How shall I go about getting the parents to keep the child home? 2. What is the name of the man who rang the bell to let the people know that the Declaration of Independence had passed congress?

Karber's Ridge, Ill.

THE EDUCATIONAL FIELD

1. Apply to trustees; tell them you can do him no good e is given in history.

In The School Journal of November 1 you answer the correspondent L. H. upon parsing in this sentence: "He saw a star shoot from heaven; and, glittering in its fall, vanish upon the earth." I take exception to your parsing of "glittering." I claim it is a participle modifying "star," or "it" understood, as "and he saw it glittering," etc. Does not the comma after "and "indicate an ellipse? And can a participle go beyond a semicolon for the word it modifies? 1. Is it generally conceded that an infinitive can have a subject? 2. What authors teach that in their text-books? 3. What is their line of argument?

Manchester, N. H.

GEO. WINCH.

Is the meaning "shoot in a glittering manner"? or is it saw a star shoot, saw it glittering as it fell"? If the former, the parsing in The Journal, page 250 is correct; if the latter, you are. The questions you ask we leave for readers, but their replies must be short. We cannot give valu-

1. Please say where in this country one can get the best training for kindergarten work. 2. How long a time should be spent in preparation?

F. K. Warren, Mass.

We believe in New York City: Prof. and Mrs. Kraus (the latter a pupil of Madame Freebel) are exponents of the best German ideas on the kindergarten. Write us should you desire the address. 2. Not less than a year

1. What is the advantage, if any, in requiring pupils to say eighteen hundred and fifty-six, instead of 1866, and would you require pupils to give dates thus? 2. Would you require full sentences for every answer in all branches in the recitations? 3. Is Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe still living? If dead, when did her death has bis business profession been, and is he relisted to Cyrus W. Field? 5. Will you please recommend a good book on civil government, that a teacher who has never studied the subject can study? 6. Is there not a mountain in Asia in the Himsilaya mountains higher than Mt. Everest? 7. How can I procure a map of Africa showing the recent explorations and divisions? 8. Would you require pupils to say chapter second, third, or fourth, as the case may be; or two, three, or four?

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1. To say 1856 (eighteen fifty-six) is enough. would take too much time; yet let them know how to do it. 3. Alive. 4. Boston, a publisher. Not that we are aware of. 5. Nordhoff's. 6. We think not. 7. One appeared in Harper's Weekly. They will send it for ten cents. 8. "Chapter third," to be grammatical.

l. How would you punish a boy for running away from school?

And how for using impertinent language? He is encouraged you'der ones at home.

W. I. T. W. Virginia.

1. That is indeed a hard question. I should shift the burden on the parents. It is hardly your business to get him to school. Let the parents do that. Report him to them, and tell them they must get him to school. 2. You must impress him that he is the one injured by putting up bars between you and him; that he comes to school to have you benefit him, and how can you do it if he makes you dislike him? You must impress on him that you are not his enemy. It is useless to punish him until he feels that.

We have observed in THE SCHOOL JOURNAL of October 25 an editorial on state certificates, in which you pay North Dakota a bigh compliment. In the closing paragraph you say, "These are, in brief, the main features of this law, and in the main they are good, but it seems to us that more attention should be given to the history of education, educational psychology, and the science of methods by those who are permanently authorized by a state to teach." In relation thereto I enclose you a circular pertaining to state examinations, and you will observe therein that we require a knowledge of the character to which you refer.

FRED. W. UATHBO, Deputy Supt.

From this circular we learn that there are three grades of county certificates—the third, valid for one year, the second for two years, the first for three years. There are two grades of state certificates—the normal for five years. the professional for life. Both of the latter require a knowledge of pedagogics, history of education, school law and school organization,—the last a knowledge of psy-

We hope the questions for the county examination emanate from the state superintendent's office, or some central authority, so as to give uniformity, or the whole structure of primary education in Dakota is weak, and the work will be wasted.

What is the meaning of the expression of Patrick Henry in the colonial assembly, "Crear had his Brutus, Charles I. his Cromwell, and George III. may profit by their examples"? St. Joseph's Content, Advan, Mich.

We think Patrick Henry meant to imply that George III. should beware of the fate of tyrants; that if he wished to escape their doom he should avoid the acts that caused their downfall.

The state legislature, we believe, has decided on Ar'-kan-sā. Webster gives the same, and that is the pronunciation generally heard in the West. The writer, being a New Yorker, finds himself saying Ar-kan'-sas much oftener than the other. Living in a representa tive democracy, however, he humbly bows to the will of the majority in this, as in other matters,

STATE ASSOCIATIONS FOR M1D-WINTER, 1890 AND 1891.

e aid us in making this list complete?] Colorado.—Dec. 30, at Denver.

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California.—Last week in December, at San Diego. James G. Kennedy, Pres't; Miss Mary E. Morrison, Sec'y.
Illinois.—Dec. 29, at Springfield. P. R. Walker, Rockford, Pres't; J. M. Bowlly, Litchfield, Sec'y.
Indiana.—Dec. 29, at Indianapolis. W. W. Parson of Terre Haute, Pres't; Anna M. Lemon, Bloomington, Sec'y.
Iowa.—Dec. 30-31, and Jan. 1, at Des Moines. James McNaughton, Council Bluffs, Pres't; E. J. Esgate, Marion, Sec'y.
Kansas.—Dec. 29, at Topeka. D. E. Sanders, Ft. Scott, Pres't; S. D. Hoaglin, Holton, Sec'y.
Massachusetts.—Nov. 28-29, at Worcester. Wm. H. Lambert, Fall River, Pres't; C. W. Parmenter, Cambridge, Sec'y.
Michigan.—Dec. 22 to 24 at Grand Rapids. J. J. Plowman, White Pigeon, Pres't; D. A. Hammond, Charlotte, Sec'y.
Minnesota.—December——. L. C. Lord, Morehead, Pres't; Miss Lavens, Sec'y.

Pigeon, Pres't; D. A. Hammon, Minnesota.—December——. L. C. Lord, Morehead, Pres't; Mise L. Leavens, Sec'y.

Maine.—January 1-3, at Augusta.

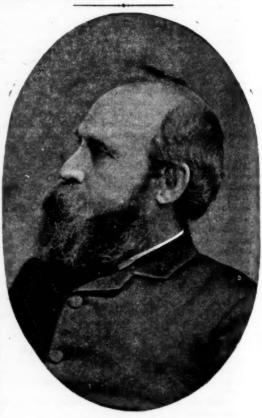
Montana.—December 3, at Helena. J. R. Russell of Butte, Pres't; J. C. Templeton, Helena, Sec'y.

Mississippi.—Decemcer 23, at Jackson. J. J. Deupree, of Clinton, Pres't; J. J. Wooten, Oxford, Sec'y.

Vorth.east Missouri Association, at Hannibal, Dec. 26-31. David

North-east Missouri Association, at Hannibal, Dec. 26-31. David Gentry, Pres.
Nebraska.—Dec. 31 at Lincoin. Isaac Walker, Pembrook, Sec'y.
North Dakota.—Dec. 39-31, at Fargo. M. A. Shirley, Pres't;
W. M. House, Sec'y.
South Dakota.—Dec. 29, at Sloux Falls. H. E. Kratz, Vermillion, Pres't.
Washington.

Washington.—Dec. 31, at Spokane Falls. W. H. Heiney, Pres't. Wisconsin.—December. L.D. Harvery, Oshkosh, Pres't; W. J. esmond, Milwaukee, Sec'y.



DANIEL T. AMES.

One of the best known figures in the penman's world is Mr. Daniel T. Ames. He has won this position by a life long devotion to the idea of promoting efficiency and elegance in penmanship. In this he has been an enthusiast. He is always found ready to uphold the dignity and importance of good writing. Nothing stirs him more than the assertion that "writing is a special gift." This Mr. Ames declares to be rank heresy. He would require every school to become proficient in this branch, for it is such an important factor in active life. He holds that only teachers competent to attain specific results should be employed in our public schools. Every school should teach penmanship.

Mr. Ames started The Penman's Art Journal fourteen years ago. It met with favor at once, and is recognized as the representative paper of its class. A large portion of the paper is devoted to an exposition of methods of teaching writing in the public schools. The entire course is sketched with great minuteness.

Mr. Ames has built up a large business in making ornamental pen designs, memorials, resolutions, etc.; his office is a museum of specimens of the penman's art. He is employed as an expert in almost every leading case involving this question which is tried in the courts

The South Dakota educational association is to be held in Sioux Falls, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, December 29, 30, and 31, 1890:

Rev. H. B. Grose, M. A., Pres. U. of S. D., Vermillion, S. D. Adress—"The Unity of our Educational System."

Dr. Lewis McLouth, Pres. S. D. A. C., Brookings, S. D. Address

The Function of the Agricultural College."

Prof. W. H. Beadle, Pres. S. N. S., Madison, S. D. Address—
The Work and Place of Normal Schools."
Miss J. M. J. Payne, Supt. City Schools, Mitchell, S. D. Paper—
Literature in High Schools."
Prof. R. B. McClenon, A. M., Prin. High School, Sioux Falls, S.

D. Paper—"The Local Influence of the High School."

Miss S. E. Witbey, Prin. Lincoln School, Sioux Falls, S. D.

Paper with Class Exercise—"History in the Grammar Grades."

Prof. E. J. Vert, Prin. Schools, Miller, S. D. Paper.—"On the

Teaching of Current Events."

Prof. W. H. Dempster, Pres. S. D. T., R. C., Madison, S. D. Paper-The Opportunity Given by the State Reading Circle." Prof. C. M. Woodward, Director Manual Training School, St. Jouis, Mo. Lecture—" Manual Training."

Prof. J. D. Stay, Supt. City Schools, Yankton, S. D. Paper-"Th Sloyd Work; Its Practical Value to American Schools."
Prof. B. F. Hood, Supt. City Schools, Aberdeen, S. D. Pap

Duties of City Superintendent of Schools.

Hon. Gilbert L. Pinkham, Supt. Public Inst., Pierre, S. D. " Our Edu eational Outlook. J. K. DAVIS. Cor. Sec. S. D. E. A.

VARIOUS persons have replied to Andrew Carnegie's statement that a college education stood in the way of a man who would be a successful business man. Chauncey M. Depew, president of the N. Y. Central, says:

"The question, as I understand it, is whether, with equal health talent, energy, and special capacity for success, the boy who began sweeping the store or working in the shop at fourteen will beat in the end a boy who has the advantage of a college education. In other words, have the eight years passed in the preparatory school and the university, acquiring many things which would be useless in the factory or store, been thrown away? My observation leads me to directly the contrary opinion. The college-bred man, under equal conditions of capacity and health, has a trained intellect, a disciplined mind, a store of information, and a breadth of grasp, with the fearlessness which it entails, that enables him to catch up and surpass his rival. Hundreds of college graduates within the past five years, have begun in the various departments of railway work at the bottom. They were firing on the locomo-tive, working in the machine shop, switching in the yards, keeping books in the treasurer's office, serving in the freight and part departments, and my observation of them for this period has demonstrated the value of a college education."

There must be as a first step-to bring up former knowledge and excite an interest in increasing it. Then will come the new knowledge, which should be gained by the pupils themselves if possible. After this will come efforts to put this knowledge away—it must be compared with other knowledge and classified. And finally there should be some practical application of knowledge gained.

A CLASS of boys, in an Alabama school, had this sentence given to them for correction: "We saw a marble bust of Sir Walter Scott entering the vestibule." One of the boys handed in the following version, which bears internal evidence of having been made in springtime: "Entering the vestibule we saw Sir Walter Scott bust a marble. -Youth's Companion.

Is it best for a student to complete his education abroad? Yes, after he has learned to appreciate his own land, but not until then. It is sometimes a fact that a student is carefully instructed to look upon what is foreign, as superior to what is at home, and he goes abroad expecting to get a superior education from foreign minds. Under these circumstances it would be better for him to stay at home. The foreign must supplement the home training. French schools are not better than German, and then again, are not better than American Each land has its points of excellence. We can learn from all. When an American goes abroad as a student, and not as a foreign maniac, he will come home with a stock of useful knowledge that will do us good.

On November 1 the corner-stone of a temperance temple was laid on the corner of Monroe and La Salle streets, Chicago. Nearly a thousand little children sang trium phal songs, and waved banners and national flags, as Miss Willard and Mrs. Carse spread the mortar. The building will be one of the handsomest in Chicago.

In the schools of Athens, Ga., we note the following salaries paid to teachers. In the white schools, 1st year teachers are paid \$27.50 per month for 12 month year teachers \$30 per month for the same time, 3d year teachers \$35; 4th year teachers \$40, principals of primary schools \$47.50; assistant principals of grammar and high schools \$65; and principals of grammar and high schools \$100. In the colored schools teachers are paid \$20, \$22.50, \$25, \$27,50, and \$30 per month for 9 months; assistant principals \$45 per month, and prin-

A CORRESPONDENT in Mississippi writes, "There are more teachers than positions in this state." That should arouse the superintendent of schools of that state to act as Supt. Draper has in New York state, to fix a just standard that those who want to teach must reach, then to limit the certificates in time, the third grade to one year, the second grade to two years, the first grade to three or five years. In this way inefficient teachers disappear, and the number who can teach about equals the number of places.

ONE of the most successful among the independent teachers in this region is C. Eugene McChesney, A.M., Ph.D., principal of Paterson (N. J.) Classical Institute and Business College. He has been a member of the graduate division of the University of the City of New York for the past three years, and has completed his course with great credit to himself as well as to the university. The time will never come when independent schools will not be needed, and it is a source of great hopefulness for the future that in the sharp contest for their existence that has been going on for the past few years, that the great law of evolution has been again proved, viz., "the survival of the fittest." Dr. McChesney's school is a survival, and this is a great recommendation.

A SCHOLARSHIP of \$200 is offered by the Vassar Students' Aid Society to a student who passes without conditions all the requirements for admission to the freshman class of Vassar college at the examinations to be held in June, 1891. This scholarship is offered as a loan, and covers one-half of all charges made by Vassar college for one year's board and tuition. Examinations will be held in Chicago, Denver, Cleveland, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Washington, Louisville, Detroit, Omaha, San Francisco; and, if necessary, arrangements may be made for examinations in other localities. Address applications for this scholarship before May 1, 1891, to Miss Jessie F. Smith, South Weymouth, Mass.

THE resignation of Supt. MacAlister, in Philadelphia. created the utmost surprise. It appears that Mr. Drexel offered him the presidency of the Drexel institute last summer. A committee was appointed to express the feeling of the board of education.

THE Southern Teacher (Chattanooga) says of OUR TIMES: "The plan of this paper is to give a clear idea of what is going on in the world from month to month. Though designed especially for teachers, it is of interest to all who wish to keep track of the current events of the world that contribute to its real progress. It gives all the important views of the month without the murders and scandals. A clear, comprehensive review of the contents is also given with numerous suggestions as to teaching them.

It is now felt that instruction in drawing by a skilful man should be given in the institutes. Prof. D. R. Augsburg is one of the most busy men in this line of work. He discusses drawing in the primary class, how to make drawing interesting, drawing models and their uses, map drawing, sand, putty, and clay modeling, simple methods for drawing birds, animals, the human head, the human figure, trees, foliage, fruit, flowers, landscapes, etc. He is the author of "Easy Things to Draw," published by E. L. Kellogg & Co.

### NEW YORK CITY.

THE death of Daniel S. Appleton, the fourth son of Daniel Appleton, the founder of the publishing house of D. Appleton & Co., removes another member of the famous house. He represented the house in London for a time; in this city he took charge of the manufacturing interests of the house, which are very large. He was held in high esteem.

DR. PAUL GIEIER, director of the New York Pasteur Institute, says that: To date 610 persons, having been biten by dogs or cats, came to be treated. The animals attacked 480 of these persons were not mad. Consequently the patients were sent back after having had their wounds attended. In 180 cases the antihydrophobic treatment was applied. All these persons are to-day enjoying good health.

THE use of reproduction of stories may be abused. They should only be permitted as a stepping stone to independent expression. Some teachers use them too much. The time comes when the children should leave them and express their own thoughts in their own way. after taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

A NEW SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF PEDAGOGY.

Vice Chancellor MacCracken made the very pleasant announcement, last Saturday morning, that the "Louise Henriette Leclere Scholarship" of \$2,500, is completed. The income, which will probably yield \$125 yearly, will be given to Seniors in the school, who shall present the highest record. It has been established through the efforts of the Woman's Advisory Committee, by the pupils and friends of the highly esteemed teacher whose name it bears. The scholarship was endowed by the contributions of the following persons: Mrs. Alexander; Mrs. William Waldorf Astor; Mrs. Frederick Billings; Mrs. Edward C. Bodman; Miss Julia Bryant: Mrs. Peter M. Bryson; Mr. Charles Butler, in memoriam, Eliza Anna Butler; Miss Emily O. Butler; Mrs. William F. Cochran; Miss Anna P. Cochran; Mrs. C., In His Name; Miss Dortic: Miss Adele Dortic; Mrs. Henry Draper; Miss Ogden Jones; Miss F. Ogden Jones; Mrs. A. A. Low, in memoriam, Miss Harriette Low; Mr. Louis B. McCagg; Mrs. Charles A. Miller; Mrs. M. D. Ogden; Miss Susan Parish; Mrs. John E. Parsons; Mrs. Edward H. Ripley; Mrs. Elliot F. Shepard; Mr. E. B. Sheldon; Mrs. Alfred T. White. In making this announcement Dr. Mac-Cracken said: "Out of forty or fifty statues in the parks and squares of New York, not one is to a teacher, not one is to a woman, but the "Leclere Scholarship" is a monument to both a teacher and a woman, to one who has helped the best wealth of New York towards becoming the best mind and best heart. This University is grateful to the givers for taking us into partnership in etting up this memorial. We pledge the honor of the University to its maintenance so long as New York shall

TEACHERS WANTED,-A lady is wanted for a training school near New York to take charge of a class of young teachers. The following qualifications are asked for: Age 25 to 35. College and normal graduate, able to teach methods and perhaps psychology. Salary, \$1200. Principal for an academy in New York state, at once. Salary, \$750.

Normal and college graduates for graded positions, beginning January, 1891.

Address for particulars H. S. Kellogg, 25 Clinton Place, N. Y.

## FOREIGN NOTES.

PRUSSIA .-- A new law making elementary instruction obligatory came into force Oct. 1. Each child unless prevented by sufficient cause, must attend school from his sixth year to the age of fourteen. Parents and employees who are responsible for non-attendance are liable to fine-Attendance at religious lessons given after school hours can only be enforced in the case of those children who belong to a different religion from that of which the dogmas are ordinarily taught in school hours.

It has been shown that 46 per cent. of the pupils in Prus-ian schools are in classes where a single master has under him from 71 to 150 children. This disproportion is aggravated by the difficulty in obtaining teachers, the pay being very small.

AUSTRIA.-Two grammar school boys of Vienna who had failed in examinations shot themselves recently. A youth of eighteen, the son of a Hungarian judge, who was attending the military school founded by Maria Theresa. shot himself because he thought he had failed in an examination. In Vienna the suicide of school-boys is by no means a rare event, and a nervous dread begins to seize both teachers and parents when they are obliged to take the boys to task because they are not persevering enough.

A Christmas Holiday Tour to [Washington, D. C., under the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's Personally Conducted System.

Personally Conducted System.

The bustle and excitement which Christmas week carries with it makes many feel the need, as the end of the year draws nigh, for some little and needs-be inexpensive recreation. For several years past the Pennsylvania Baliroad Company has run from New York, Brookin, and Jersey City a series of Christmas boliday pleasure tours to the national capital, Washington, at this season of the year living in an atmosphere of gaiety, and also at a time when sight-seeing can be enjoyed thoroughly. This company now announces that from New York, Monday, December 28, 1500, a special train of Eastlake coaches will leave for Washington, stopping at Philadelphia for dinner going, and supper returning. Tourists will remain in Washington, where special teatures for their entertainment have been provided, until December 31. The rate for the round trip, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, and all necessary expenses, is but \$12.50, covering this delightful recreative tour of three days. A tourist agent, a chaperon, and a special baggage-master will accompany the party, and all taose desiring detailed inforeation, with a descriptive itinerary, should apply to W. W. Lord, Jr., tourst agent, 849 Broadway, New York.

That tired) feeling disappears, and you feel active and strong

# BOOK DEPARTMENT.

### HOLIDAY BOOKS.

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THE LIBRARY OF AMERICAN IMPERATURE. By E. C. Stedman and E. M. Hutchinson. New York: Charles L. Webster & Co., publishers.

This is one of the few works which it is difficult to review, as no review of it can be adequate. The work itself must be seen and studied in order to appreciate the obligation under which the editors and publishers have placed the American people. It is not, as might be supposed, the mere throwing together of a number of selections from various authors, it is literally all that is worthy of preservation in our literature from 1607 to 1890. When we stop to contemplate the period embraced by these dates—a period covering the entire life of ou. nation—we realize the vast field over which the editor's work extended. The scholarly care which is manifested in the selection of what is most important and interesting in the somewhat prosy writings of our authors of the colonial and revolutionary period, is only equaled by the keen literary instinct necessary to have separated the wheat from the chaff in the great mass of books thrown upon the market during the past half century.

That this work would be ably done was assured from the first by the names of its gifted editors, and now that the work is finished, the unqualified endorsement of the press and of eminent men and women, and its enthusiastic reception by the reading public, leaves no doubt that every promise has been fulfilled. We have been informed that for so voluminous a work the demand has been unprecedented, which would indicate that it satisfactorily fills a real want. It appeals strongly to our patriotism, for a nation lives in its literature, which, unless it be imitative, reflects the character of thought of every period through which the nation passes. Here is the record of our patriotism, of our struggles for religious and political liberty, and here also we find depicted the daily life of our people, and the manner in which they are and were educated, cultivated, and amused. This work is particularly gratifying

of all.

Appreciating the value of this work to those of limited incomes, and wishing to bring it within their reach, the publishers have adopted a manner of sale, which makes it easy for anyone desiring the "Library" to possess it. The entire set of eleven volumes is delivered on the payment of three (\$3.00) dollars and the remainder collected at the rate of \$8.00 a month, aggregating only ten cents a day. Surely this is a rare opportunity. While this work must commend itself to all lovers of good literature it is of special value to teachers, in fact indispensable to them.

A topical index, marvelous for its exactness and sim-plicity, is given in volume XI. Also succinct biographies of every author quoted. These biographies are by Arthur Stedman and are quite on a par with the rest of the work. Indeed they are worthy of being made a separate

A word should be added to this inadequate notice of a A word should be added to this inadequate notice of a great work, regarding the publishers' part. The paper and printing are excellent, the binding neat and strong, while the 160 rare steel and wood portraits add greatly to the value and beauty of the work. The specimen pages sent on application reflect the generous manner in which they are placing this book on the market. It is a pamphlet of 28 pages giving selections from the work, five specimen portraits, one of which is steel, and a synopsis of the entire eleven volumes, together with press reviews, comments of eminent men, etc. We cannot do better than refer the reader to this pamphlet.

THE SONG OF HIAWATHA. By Henry Wadsworth Long-fellow, with illustrations from designs by Frederick Remington. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. 242 pp. \$6.00.

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This poem was first published in 1855 and became popular at once, and has retained its popularity ever since. The beauty of the Indian legends, the music and novelty of the versification, and the skill with which the theme was treated, all helped to add to the number of its readers. The poet could well afford to smile at the critics who charged plagiarism when he had such a strong hold on the people. We have never seen a finer edition of the poem than the present one; in fact, we believe it excels all that have gone before. The paper is of the best quality, the print large, and the binding copper colored leather with gilt lettering and designs. But the chief beauty of the book is in the illustrations. The frontispiece is a striking likeness of Longfellow, from a picture taken in 1854. Mr. Remington, the artist has allowed himself great freedom. He has made a series of pictures which have a basis of reality from his long and close study of the Indian in many situations, but are sometimes fanciful in treatment. Those acquainted with Indians and their ways will appreciate both the truth and the idealism of the full-page photo-

gravures. The pen-and-ink drawings in the margin are faithful representations of a large number of actual objects, in use among Indian tribes, or associated with their life. The artist has represented the Indian face and form in most every conceivable way, and if after reading the book the reader cannot picture Hiawatth and his friends in his mind it is his own fault. Copies of this magnificent edition will, during the holiday season, find their way to many homes.

THE PACIFIC COAST SCENIC TOUR. By Henry T. Finck New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. 309 pp. \$2.50.

In this volume Mr. Finck describes the scenery of the acific coast from southern California to Alaska—agion about which much has been written, but each acceeding writer finds something new and interesting. Ir. Finck is an enthusiast in regard to California, but succeeding writer into something new and interesting. Mr. Finck is an enthusiast in regard to California, but he does not allow his enthusiasm to warp his judgment, for he tells of the bad qualities of the climate and country as well as the good ones. He is frank enough to say that one oftens gets tired of sunshine in that "glorious climate Californy" and wishes that rain would come just for a change. As an experienced observer of many lands he is competent to pass judgment on this region and it is flattering to Americans that he pronounces it the finest place in the world for a residence. His powers of observation are acute, taking in not only the sublime but the minute. The mosses, ferns, vines, and flowers of the Yosemite are noted as well as the stupendous expanse of wall of El Capitan, Mirror lake, and Yosemite and Bridal falls. We should judge he is an enthusiastic botanist. He tells about Santa Catalina island, San Francisco Lake Tahoe and Virginia City, Mt. Shasta and Crater lake, Portland, the Columbia river, Oregon and Washington snow peaks, Puget sound, Alaska glaciers, Yellowstone park, the Grand canon, and many other things we haven't space to mention here. Many illustrations add to the attractiveness of the volume.

OVER THE TEACUPS. By Oliver Wendell Holmes. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. 314 pp. \$1.50.

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This is a series of papers that Dr. Holmes recently contributed to the pages of the Atlantic Monthly. Many of those who had the pleasure of reading them then, and many who did not, will be glad to see them in this form. "Over the Teacups" is written in the same vein as "The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table," "The Professor at the Breakfast Table," "The Poet at the Breakfast Table,"—works that are so full of quiet humor and genial philosophy that they have long been favorites with the public, and their reputation is likely to increase as time passes on. The brightness and freshness of the present work shows that the venerable author (than whom none other on this side of the Atlantic has inspired more personal affection among those who know him only through his books) in spite of his four score years has kept his heart young and his intellect unclouded. This is shown by the poems with which the volume is interspersed, including "Too Young for Love," The Broomstick Train; or, The Return of the Witches," and "At the Turn of the Road." The work is replete with anecdotes, illustrations, and lively conversations, set forth in the charming style with which the readers of Holmes are so well acquainted. It will chase the blues away from many a despondent one and furnish wholesome mental food for thousands of households.

AGAINST HEAVY ODDS: A Tale of Norse Heroism. I Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen, illustrated by W. L. Taylo New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. 177 pp. \$1.00.

New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. 177 pp. \$1.00.

The motive and tone of this story are good, and when we say in [addition that it is excellently told we have given a condensed summary of its qualities. The principal scene is a Finmark village on a bleak, wind-swept coast. The hero of the story is Ingomar Vang, a youth who has seen the fortunes of his father decline, and those of his rival, the unscrupulous Prebensen ascend. Ingomar seeks to rescue his father from poverty by the invention of a harpoon gun. The greater part of the story relates to his trials while seeking to have the invention patented. The story properly closes with the downfall of Prebensen and the triumph of the young inventor. The plot is simple, without any attempt at mystery, but the interest is well sustained to the end. The characters, moreover, are flesh and blood, and there [are some choice bits of description here and there.

OCKET VOLUME OF SELECTIONS FROM THE POETICAL Works of Robert Browning. London: Sn Elder & Co., 25 Waterloo Place. 319 pp. 40 cent

Elder & Co., '25 Waterloo Place. 319 pp. 40 cents. In this volume is found a great many of Browning's shorter and more popular poems with extracts taken from the longer ones. Many of them are gems in their way and will be appreciated by those who have a genuine taste for poetry. Among the best of these are 'Incident of the French Camp," "The Boy and the Angel," "Time's Revenges," "The Statue and the Bust," "The Lost Leader," "How They Brought the Good News from Ghent to Aix,'" "Evelyn Hope," and others. A taste for Browning has to some extent to be acquired, and these brief poems will pleasantly introduce the reader to him, giving a desire to read his more pretentious works.

FABLE FOR CRITICS. By James Russell Lowell. With vignette portraits of the authors de quibus fabula narratur. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. 101 pp.

rough places in the verse and defective rhymes occurring sometimes, but there is such a rich vein of humor running all through, and the characterizations of brother authors are so discriminating, and for the most part so just, that the perusal of the poem is attended with both pleasure and profit. There is one thing that will strike the reader forcibly, viz., the large number of authors among those mentioned by the poem whose popularity has waned. Many of them are not known now at all by the average reader. Those who are familiar with the recent portraits of Emerson, Bryant, Longfellow, Whittier, and Lowell, will scan with pleasure the comparatively youthful countenances presented in this book. It will make a very acceptable holiday present for admirers of Lowell, and the number is by no means small.

OUR OLD HOME. By Nathaniel Hawthorne. In two volumes. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$4.00 to \$9.00.

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In "Our Old Home" are included some impressions of Hawthorne while in England, and it is finished with all the grace of style of which the author was such a master. It opens with descriptions of consular experiences, in which are depicted the mode of life in such a post and the eccentric characters met with. Then he conducts the reader through many famous places in England—always with an eye for the beautiful and pucturesque in nature and art, and with a human sympathy that makes his narrative very interesting reading. He tells about Leamington Spa, Warwick, Lichfield and Uttoxeter, Boston, Oxford, the homes of Burns and Shakespeare, London, and other places. A very discriminating sketch is drawn of Delia Bacon, with whose peculiar theories in regard to Shakespeare's plays the author had little sympathy. It is accompanied by a portrait of the distinguished woman. Of Shakespeare's haunte he gives a graphic description, but confesses incredulity as to the authenticity of many of the relics. The description of the home and haunts of Burns is a charming bit of writing, and will increase the reader's wonder at the poet's career—that a man could rise from such a lowly estate to so lofty a fame. The photogravures include views of a street in Leamington, a Devonshire farmhouse, a bridge over the Avon, the room in which Shakespeare was born, Lichfield, St. Paul's, Lincoln, and Salisbury cathedrals, St. Botolph's tower, Burns' birthplace, London bridge, and many others. The frontispieces are portraits of the author and of Lord Nelson. The volumes don bridge, and many others. The frontispieces are portraits of the author and of Lord Nelson. The volumes are handsomely bound in red cloth, with gilt borders around the front covers, and gilt lettering and flowers.

FLOWER-FOLK. New illustrations in colors and in monotint, by Laura C. Hills, and New Verses, by Anna C. Pratt. New York: Frederick A. Stokes Company.

We have in this volume a personification of many of the more common flowers and plants, including the larkspur, daisy, pussy willow, crocus, dandelion, pansy, narcissus, rose, lilac, sweet pea, coreopsis, sweet william, honeysuckle, bachelor's button, morning glory, tiger lily, fox-glove, poppy, nasturtium, maple, trumpet flower, and others. The artist has introduced a wonderful variety of form, color, and posture of the figures to convey the sentiments of the different flowers. There are boys and girls decorated with the leaves and flowers of the plants they represent, in action or repose—dancing, expectant, reclining, pensive, demure. The artist has displayed great ingenuity, and to a large extent has been successful, in expressing the sentiments in graceful form and color. The pussy willow, crocus, rose, iliac, sweet william, morning glory, and others, are exquisite. The verses, too, are pretty and appropriate and add greatly to the charm of the book. The covers are very handsome, having circles of dancing children gloriously arrayed in the leaves and flowers of the field and forest. We picture to ourselves the delight the children will show on receiving this book for Christmas.

ELECTRICITY IN DAILY LIFE. With one hundred and We have in this volume a personification of many of e more common flowers and plants, including the

ELECTRICITY IN DAILY LIFE. With one hundred and twenty-five illustrations. New York: Charles Scribtwenty-five illustrations. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. 288 pp. \$3.00.

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This is the most complete popular presentation of the subject of electricity we have ever seen. Scientists acquainted with the applications of electricity to every-day uses have presented the various phases of the subject, as free from technicalities as possible. There are numerous illustrations of electrical appliances and many portraits of those who have gained fame by advancing the science, as Sir Humphrey Davy, Volta, Gauss and Weber, Ampere, Prof. Joseph Henry, Dr. Werner, Siemens, Farmer, Gramme, Dr. Crookes, Faure, Morse, and many others. Probably there are few outside the ranks of specialists who fully comprehend the multiplicity of uses to which this mysterious force (mysterious in spite of all we know about it) is put. The book begins by explaining some electrical terms and appliances and then proceeds to the consideration of electricity as a prime motor, invention of the dynamo-machine, electric railways, motors in large manufactories, rapid transit, electricity in lighting, the storage of electricity, the telegraph of to-day, receiving cable messages, telegraphing from a moving train, the making and laying a cable, electricity in naval warfare, in land warfare, in the household, and in relation to the human body, etc. This only gives a partial idea of the ground covered by this book. Those who wish to gain a knowledge of the applications of electricity—and they should include all who aspire to be liberally educated—should read the volume.

MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS. Boston: Oliver Ditson Company,

This poem was not composed for publication; it was only after solicitation on the part of friends that the author decided to give it to the public. It does not always conform strictly to the requirements of art,

pretty cantata for children, and it gives us an idea of Christmas in Sweden (twenty-five cents). "Christmas Joys" and "The Holy Christ-Child" are interesting services for Sunday-schools (five cents each). And among the pretty carols and songs are those known as "Songs of Bethlehem," a collection of nine (eight cents each), by Van de Water; beside an attractive list of new and old carols and songs, which, in this limited space, we cannot describe. The ever-welcome "Good Tidings, or Sailor Boys' Christmas" (twenty-five cents); "Christmas at the Kerchiefs'" (twenty cents), and "Christmas Gift" (fifteen cents), are cantatas that will continue to be popular and enjoyable for years to come. We advise you to send immediately for a free descriptive catalogue. Any of the above-named publications mailed postpaid on receipt of price. eccipt of price.

THE VISION SIR LAUNFAL. By James Russell Lowell.
With designs by E. H. Garrett. Boston and New
York: Houghton, Mifflin & Co., publishers. \$1.50.

This fine poem certainly has an appropriate setting in this handsome little book. "The Vision of Sir Laun-fal" has become a classic. Its descriptions of nature, this handsome little book. "The Vision or Sir Launfal" has become a classic. Its descriptions of nature, its suggestiveness, and the deep moral lesson it teaches, commend it to all true lovers of poetry. It would be hard to find a prettier holiday gift-book than this, with its delicately-tinted paper, its beautiful full-page illustrations, the frontispiece being a portrait of the author taken many years ago, its tasteful print on only one side of the sheet, and its red and white binding decorated with cilt lattering and designs.

Two LOYAL LOVERS: A Romance. By Elizabeth Winthrop Johnson. New York: Frederick A. Stokes Company. 378 pp. \$1.00.

This is a story of the Civil war, and the ground which it covers has been pretty well worked over by novelist, poet, and dramatist, but nevertheless, the subject is one of unfailing interest, and will be serviceable for a long time to come. We are introduced to the chief characters in the Brivare and in that characters will be compared to the chief characters. time to come. We are introduced to the chief characters in the Rivera, and in that charming Italian region, Nice, and other places, we become pretty well acquainted with them. The interest in the fortunes of the lovers, Jessie and Frank Graylands, all through those times from '61 to '5 that "tried men's souls," and tempers, and loyalty, and pocket-books, seldom flags until they are united after the close of hostilities. The historical part of the story is made subsidiary to the characters and their doings, as it certainly should be, and therefore instead of hindering, adds strength and interest to the narrative. Of course it is written from a Northern standpoint, but the Southern side of the question is not unrepresented. The book ought to, and we believe will, have a fair share of popularity. e of popularity.

IN SCRIPTURE LANDS. New views of sacred places. Edward L. Wilson. New York: Charles Scribner Edward L. Sons. \$3.50.

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The author has endeavored to make his descriptions free from the shallow sentiment of the superficial tourist, the narrowness of the enthusiast on the arbitrariness of denominationalism. He has embellished the volume with one hundred and fifty illustrations from pictures taken by himself. The modern traveler has this advantage that he does not have to rely on words alone for his descriptions, but by means of the camera can call the sunlight to his aid. Mr. Wilson says: "With the Holy Bible as my guide-book; with careful art training; with ardent enthusiasm for the picturesque as well as the historical; with a love for nature and human nature; with a camera fitted with a student's eye, and with perfect health and strength, I went at the task I set for myself." The Scripture places he visited are the land of Goshen, Sinai and the wilderness, from Mount Sinai to Mount Seir, Petra, the south country, Jerusalem, Calvary, from Judea to Samaria, Galilee, Nazareth, across Lebanon to Damascus, with others. It will be seen that a large part of the territory mentioned in the Bible is covered, necessitating much travel and labor, but we have ample assurance in the book that it was a labor of love. The author takes broad and liberal views of things and in his descriptions connects hoary antiquity with the present, making every chapter both instructive and highly entertaining. The reader wants to know how these celebrated places look to-day and when he sees here pictures of the plain of Thebes, the wells of Elim, Mount Sinai, Miriam's Well, Rachel's sepulcher, the cave of Adullam, the cave of Machpelah, Jericho, Jerusalem, Joseph's sepulcher, Mount Tabor, Tiberias, and other objects, he can form a vivid conception of the scenes where so many great events took place. Students of the Bible will find a rich intellectual feast in this volume.

LITTLE GIANT BOAB AND HIS TALKING RAVEN TAHIB. By Ingersoll Lockwood. Profusely illustrated, by Clifton Johnson. Boston: Lee & Shepard, publishers. Quarto, cloth, \$2.00.

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The delight with which Mr. Lockwood's story "Little Baron Trump and his wonderful Dog Bulger" was received will be repeated when this charming book reaches the hands of the rising generation. The author has struck the chord that will make the whole world of little people kin. The youthful imagination revels in a world of the unreal, concerning itself with the doings of little folk, and if some one does not supply the material it will manufacture it itself. Mr. Lockwood's book reflects this youthful tendency in a very complete and satisfactory way. The story concerns the time of Queen Isabella about whom there has grown upsuch a world of romance. It was a time of magic, achemy, and other mysterious occupations, making it just suited to the purpose of the writer. Boab is a child, who from his very infancy has wonderful muscular power—a sort of youthful Herou-

les, who goes about performing marvelous feats of strength and valor, taming horses, overcoming grown men, lifting heavy weights, moving heavy rocks, etc. Our young friends who know something of the intelligence of the raven will be surprised at the feats performed by this one. He accompanies Boab on all his expeditions and does things of such a wonderful nature that he contributes fully half of the interest of the narrative. The book does not lack pictorial attractiveness, for illustrations are numerous and appropriate.

OUTINGS AT ODD TIMES. By Charles C. Abbott, M. D. New York: D. Appleton & Co., 1890, 278 pp. \$1.50. We have here a series of observations of nature made in winter, spring, autumn, and summer, by one who has such a genuine love for the various forms of animate and inanimate life that is contagious. He loves the woods and fields and describes beautifully their minutest detail, but the dart of a fish, the whir of an insect, or the song of a bird diverts his attention immediately to the animate object. After reading a few of his sketches one wonders how the writer has observed so much and also why he himself has not seen more in his rambles. The effect of perusing this volume is to stimulate observation. Some of these sketches would make delightful supplementary reading in the schools, as they are written in a very direct and simple style, easily understood by children and charming to those of older years. The volume is bound in cloth of a delicate shade of green, with the title on the front cover in red and gilt letters intertwined with the branches of a tree.

THE KELP-GATHERERS. A story of the Maine coast. J. T. Trowbridge. Boston: Lee & Shepard, published

There is no more fascinating writer of stories for boys than Mr. Trowbridge. "The Kelp-Gatherers" is a characteristic story of adventures on the breezy Maine coast, in which two boys named Moke and Poke play a large part. They are twins who have been given these highly suggestive nicknames. There are other boys whose doings are described by the author with much humor, and with a genuine sympathy with a boy's feelings and aspirations. The young people will find it a very readable book. aspirations. ble book.

WITZERLAND. Story of the Nations Series. By Lina Hug and Richard Stead. New York and London: G. P. Putnam's Sons. 430 pp. \$1.50.

P. Putnam's Sons. 430 pp. \$1.50.

Among the many series of volumes in history, science, and literature, there are certainly none that rank higher for literary worth, artistic merit, and perfection of finish, than the "Story of the Nations" series. The historical student can scarcely afford to be without these volumes. In the story form the current of each national life is distinctly indicated, and its picturesque and noteworthy periods and episodes are presented for the reader in their philosophical relations to each other as well as to universal history. In spite of its small size Switzerland is one of the most interesting countries in Europe. Its hills, valleys, and lakes are full of romance; a confederation has been formed there (and maintained by the intelligence and bravery of the people), that challenges the admiration of the world; the country is famed for its manufactured products, it stands in the front rank in education, and it is noted for the integrity of its people. Furthermore, there is further interest added by the fact that Switzerland is noted for grand scenery, and is visited by thousands of people every year. There is an excellent map in the volume, and illustrations, consisting of pictures of scenery, pottery, monuments, coins, standards, cities, persons, institutions, etc. Teachers ing of pictures of scenery, pottery, monuments coins, standards, cities, persons, institutions, etc. Teachers ought to take an especial interest in this history, as Switzerland was the home of Pestalozzi; there is a fine picture in the book of that great educational reformer and his children.

A STUDENT'S HISTORY OF ENGLAND, Vol. I.—B. C. 55 to A. D. 1509. By Samuel Rawson Gardiner. London and New York: Longmans, Green & Co. 378 pp. to A. D. don and \$1.20.

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This history is intended for students who have an elementary knowledge of the main facts of English history, and aims to meet their needs by using plain language on the one hand, and by avoiding, on the other hand, a multiplicity of details. The author has drawn his materials from all the resources open to the modern historian, taking special pains to secure all the antiquarian infornation possible. This is embodied not only in the text, but in the illustrations; which, by the way, all through the book, display a beauty and a variety that we have not been accustomed to look for in a work on history. It only shows what a high place art has come to occupy in the making of modern books. Starting with the prehistoric period, we have a condensed summary of what is known of the cave-dwellers and the earlier Celts and Britains, with pictures of their weapons, pottery, etc.; then we pass to the Britains who left traces of their occupation in many parts of England and Scotland, and ample justice has been done to these, both werbally and pictorially. After this come tribes in which we are more interested than in any other—the Angles, Jutes, and Saxons, for they contributed more than all the others combined to the make-up of the English character, language, and literature. All those complex elements that have made the English people what they are have their place and due consideration, viz., the Danes, the Normans, feudalism, monarchy, the church, popular representation, the universities, etc. To an American this ought to be a most fascinating study, because so many of our institutions are a direct outgrowth of the English system. The author has truly made a history of the English people, giving a clear view of their home life and manners, as well as social

institutions and political changes. With this beautiful work in hand we fail to see how a class in English history could lack in enthusiasm.

### CALENDARS.

THE WOMAN'S CALENDAR FOR 1891. Issued by the Woman's Literary Club, Dunkirk, N. Y. 25 cents; by post, 2 cents extra.

post, 3 cents extra.

This is a very fine calendar, both from a literary and an artistic point of view. On the front cover is an embossed head of Novella, a professor in the University of Bologna in the fourteenth century, and on the back cover the monogram of the club. The extracts were carefully made from a volume in the British museum, by Mrs. Bessie Kidder Rathbun. One page is devoted to Christine de Pisan, the first woman to live by her pen. Mrs. Caroline H. Dall furnished quotations from Saritri, of India. The illustrations include views of Prof. Maria Mitchell's early home in Nantucket, the interior of H. H.'s parlor, and Mme. de Stael's home at Coppet. The frontispiece is from Angelica Kauffman's painting, "A Vestal Virgin."

ALL AROUND THE YEAR—1891. Designed in Sepiatint and color by J. Pauline Sunter. Boston: Lee & Shepard, publishers. Boxed, 50 cents.

This is really one of the prettiest and most unique calendars we have ever seen. It is printed on heavy card-board (size, four and three-fourths by five and one-half inches), has gilt edges, and chain, tassels, and rings. In addition to the calendar for each month, each card contains a charming design and an appropriate sentiment in delicate tints and colors. The designs are mostly of chubby children in various scenes, drawn in the picturesque style of the artist. The publishers have surpassed all their previous efforts in getting up calendars, handsome as those calendars have been. It would make a fine ornament for the wall of any room. This is really one of the prettiest and most unique cal-

EW YORK CALENDAR—1891. A. Stokes Company. 25 cents. New York: Frederick

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This consists of cards having blue, green, and cream tints as a background, each with the calendar of the month in one corner and the remainder of the space filled in with views of buildings and localities in New York City. The cards are held together by rings. Among the views are those of the Statue of Liberty, Grace church, City Hall, Academy of Design, Mills Building, Elevated railroad at 110th street, High Bridge, Fifth avenue, East river bridge, Central park, Trinity church, St. Paul's church, etc. It would make a fine gift to those living at a distance from the metropolis, giving them an idea of the principal features of the great city.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

D. C. Hrath & Co. have published "Historictics Moderne R:cucillies et Annotees," par C. Fontaine, B.L., L.D.; "Abeille," par Anatole France, edited by Charles P. Lebon, and "Pierre et Camille," par Alfred de Musset, edited with English notes by O. B. Super, Ph. D.

G. P. PUTNAM's Sons have among their latest publication Little Venice and Other Stories," by Grace Denio Litchfield.

THOMAS Y. CROWELL publish an interesting book, "Brampton Sketches; Old Time New England Life;" by Mary B. Ciaffin.

8. C. Griggs & Co. bring out an important scientific work, "The World Energy and its Self-Conservation," by William M.

THE WORTHINGTONS announce the publication of "A Boy's History of the United States." It is brought down to the election of President Harrison. It will contain portraits of all the sidents.

A. LOVELL & Co. have just added Lamb's "Essays of Elia," with an introduction by Ernest Rhys, to the popular Camelot orics.

HARPER & BROTHERS have prepared for publication a biography of "The Earl of Beaconsfield, K. G.," by J. A. Froude.

D. APPLETON & Co. have just published the fifteenth volume of their International Educational Series, being a treatise on

Higher Education of Women," by Miss Helene Lange, of Berlin. D. LOTHROP COMPANY will soon publish a new edition of The Still Hour," the correction of the proofs of the additions be

ad made having been the last work of Prof. Austin Phelps, the uthor, before his death a few weeks ago. ROBERTS BROTHERS announce for publication December 1:
"Thine, not Mine: A Boy's Book," by William Everett; new editions of Mr. Everett's previous boy's books—"Changing Base" and "Double Play;" "Diary and Letters of Madame D'Arblay," revised and edited by Sarah C. Woolsey: "Poetical Work of Lord Houghton;" and "The Gamekeeper at Home," by Richard Jeffertes.

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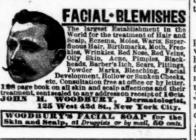
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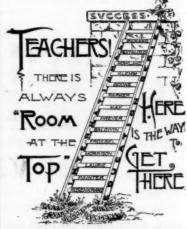
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